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## Embarking on new campaigns

After Iraq and Afghanistan, pioneering female veterans set sights on Congress

By MARY JORDAN  
The Washington Post

In Amy McGrath's pitch to voters in Kentucky, she wears a bomber jacket and stands next to an F/A-18, the fighter jet she flew as a Marine to drop bombs on Afghanistan.

In Mikie Sherrill's political ad in New Jersey, the camera lingers over a whirring Sea King helicopter, like the one she piloted on Navy missions.

And in Martha McSally's video announcing her run for Senate in Arizona, she is crouched in the cockpit of an Air Force fighter jet to underscore that she was the first woman to fly in combat.

Women who served in the military are running for elective office in greater numbers than at any time in history. Many broke gender barriers in uniform and say it's time to make their mark in politics. For generations, military veterans who become elected officials have overwhelmingly been male and Republican, but these female veterans, many of whom served in pioneering combat roles in the wars in Iraq and

Afghanistan, are overwhelmingly Democrats and critical of President Donald Trump.

"Many of us felt like we really had to focus on some of the areas that needed further ground-breaking, such as the House of Representatives and the Senate," said Sherrill, 46, a Democrat running in New Jersey's 11th Congressional District. Sherrill said she and other female veterans are motivated to run for office by what she calls a "lack of respect" for women by the Trump administration and by the death of women on Capitol Hill. She said she was astounded to see an all-male Senate panel deciding last year whether to repeal the Affordable Care Act.

Sherrill is considered a strong contender who could flip the Republican seat being vacated by Rep. Rodney Frelinghuysen, the chairman of the House Appropriations Committee, who surprised many by dropping out of the race in January after 24 years in Congress. His district voted in favor of Trump by less than one percentage point.

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## Navy program aiming for intelligence in prosthetics

By MATTHEW M. BURKE  
Stars and Stripes

CAMP FOSTER, Okinawa — It seemed like science fiction when the first prosthetic leg was surgically implanted in a post-9/11 veteran two years ago in Utah. Now, thanks to a program led by the U.S. Navy, scientists are on the verge of fixing those prostheses to life.

In 2016, the Office of Naval

Research partnered with Walter Reed National Military Medical Center, the Naval Research Laboratory and several universities to launch Monitoring Osseointegrated Prostheses, a program whose mission is to "advance prosthetics into the 21st century" using the latest biomedical and engineering technologies. MOIP focuses on improving socket-style

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Jerome Lynch, right, an engineering professor at the University of Michigan, discusses an experiment with research fellow Wenxiao Wang on Sept. 27. The Office of Naval Research is sponsoring Lynch's work as part of the Monitoring Osseointegrated Prostheses program, whose aim is to create a "smart" artificial leg equipped with specially designed sensors to monitor walking gait, to alert users to prosthetic wear and tear and to warn of potential infection risk.

JOSEPH XU  
Courtesy of the University of Michigan

PACIFIC

# Osprey drops part in aviation incident on Okinawa

**By Matthew M. Burke  
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*Stars and Stripes*

CAMP FOSTER, Okinawa — No injuries or damage have been reported after a large piece from a Marine Corps aircraft was lost last week off the coast of Okinawa.

Part of an air intake from an MV-22 Osprey washed ashore Friday on the western beach of Ikei Island, said a spokesman for the Okinawa Defense Bureau, which is a branch of Japan's Ministry of Defense. The piece, which came from the aircraft's right engine, is 2 feet long, 3 feet wide and 2 feet deep.

The helicopter-plane hybrid assigned to Marine Corps Air Station Futenma reportedly lost the part during a flight Thursday but was able to return safely to base.

The Marine Corps on Okinawa confirmed Friday that the part had fallen from one of its Ospreys, bureau officials said. It's unclear whether Marine officials alerted their Japanese counter-



ANDY MARTINEZ/Courtesy of the U.S. Marine Corps

**Part of an air intake fell from an MV-22B Osprey off the coast of Okinawa. The Osprey returned safely to base.**

parts about the incident, which they are required to do by the status of force agreement between the two nations.

Marine Corps officials could not be reached for comment Friday evening. Bureau officials said they would continue to investigate the incident.

A series of recent aircraft-related mishaps, including three emergency landings by Marine

helicopters in January, has drawn criticism from Tokyo, which dispatched Japan Ground Self-Defense Force aircraft maintenance specialists to Futenma on Feb. 1 for a briefing on the issues.

On Dec. 13, a CH-53E Super Stallion's window inexplicably became separated from the aircraft and landed on an elementary school sports field adjacent to Futenma's fence line. More than

50 schoolchildren were playing at the time, and a boy was slightly injured from a pebble that flew up during impact.

On Dec. 7, a plastic part thought to belong to a U.S. military helicopter was found on the roof of an Okinawan day care facility. In October, a Super Stallion made an emergency landing in a farmer's field outside Okinawa's Northern Training Area after an inflight fire. The aircraft was an almost total loss.

In August, an Okinawa-based MV-22 Osprey crashed off the coast of Australia during a training exercise, killing three Marines.

At a maritime security forum last month in Washington, Marine Corps Commandant Gen. Robert Neller said the service's safety record was "horrible" in 2017 but that things were improving.

Okinawans are largely divided when it comes to hosting about half of the U.S. military's 50,000 Japan-based troops and their aircraft. Deadly aviation accidents

in the past have sown anxiety and fear over the possibility of a crash or falling debris.

Tokyo and its allies in Washington have tried to consolidate U.S. forces on the island and hand back swaths of bases and territory to satisfy detractors. They plan to relocate Marine air operations from densely populated Futenma to Camp Schwab on Okinawa's remote north coast as soon as a runway can be built into Oura Bay to facilitate the move.

A small but fervent protest movement backed by Okinawa's governor wants to move Marine air operations off the island but has so far been unsuccessful.

The movement suffered a major blow on Feb. 4 when Nago's anti-base mayor Susumu Inamine was defeated by former Nago assemblyman Taketoyo Toguchi, who is supported by Prime Minister Shinzo Abe's Liberal Democratic Party. Abe has since vowed to press on with the relocation plan.

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## Pentagon nominates Aquilino to command Pacific Fleet

**By Tyler Hlavac**  
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YOKOSUKA NAVAL BASE, Japan — The Pentagon has tapped the head of the Navy's Middle Eastern forces to take over its largest fleet.

Vice Adm. John Aquilino, the commander of both the Navy's 5th Fleet and Naval Forces Central Command, has been nominated to take over the Hawaii-based Pacific Fleet, Defense Secretary Jim Mattis announced Friday.

If confirmed, Aquilino would be tak-

ing charge of a fleet stretching nearly 100 million square miles, nearly half of the Earth's surface, the Navy said. The Pacific Fleet consists of about 200 ships and submarines, nearly 1,200 aircraft and more than 130,000 sailors and civilians.

Aquilino started his current position as head of Navy forces in the Middle East only five months ago.

Current Pacific Fleet commander Adm. Scott Swift announced last September that he would retire at an unspecified date after learning he would not be nominated to lead U.S. Pacific Command.

"In keeping with tradition and in loyalty to the Navy, I have submitted my request to retire," Swift said in a statement released to the fleet.

Commanders of Pacific Fleet, which oversees U.S. naval forces from California to India, are often nominated to lead PACOM. President Donald Trump recently nominated current PACOM commander Adm. Harry Harris Jr. to serve as the next U.S. ambassador to Australia.

Swift is among several Navy leaders who have either been fired or forced into early retirement after a pair of collisions

last year killed 17 sailors aboard the USS Fitzgerald and the USS John S. McCain.

Last year, the Navy relieved the ships' commanders along with the head of the 7th Fleet. The leaders of Task Force 70 and Destroyer Squadron 15, which oversee the fleet's destroyers and cruisers, were also relieved of their duties.

Last month, former Surface Forces head Vice Adm. Thomas Rowden retired early in light of unspecified disciplinary actions recommended against him in a probe of the collisions.

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## EUROPE



Sgt. John Kopeck, with the 2nd Armored Brigade Combat Team, fires an M240 machine gun mounted to an M1120 HEMTT Load Handling System during live-fire training at Grafenwoehr, Germany, on Thursday.

PHOTOS BY MARTIN EGNASH/Stars and Stripes

# Live-fire training marks soldiers' rotation midpoint

By MARTIN EGNASH

Stars and Stripes

GRAFENWOEHR, Germany — Halfway through their rotation in Europe, soldiers with the 2nd Armored Brigade Combat Team caught up with live-fire training in Germany.

The Grafenwoehr ranges echoed with explosions and gunfire when the soldiers conducted a combined-arms, live-fire exercise, employing 120 mm mortars, M109 Paladins, 155 mm artillery and M1A2 Abrams tanks.

The midpoint milestone also was marked with convoy-protection drills in which Army truck drivers practiced shooting targets with machine guns mounted on their vehicles.

"So far, this has been a great rotation," said Sgt. John Kopeck. "We've been really busy with training. More than we would have back home."

"Our newer soldiers are getting fast-tracked into their jobs and learning what it means to be a soldier."

The 2nd Armored Brigade Combat Team began its tour in Europe last September; it is the second armored brigade to spend a nine-month rotation on the Continent in support of operation Atlantic Resolve, the U.S. commitment to deter a more assertive Russia.

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Clockwise from above: M109 Paladins fire during the training. Pvt. Dylan Culkins mans a .50-caliber machine gun mounted to an M113 mortar carrier. Soldiers fire a 120 mm mortar.



## MILITARY

# Trump taps commander as US ambassador to Australia

By ANNE GEARAN  
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — President Donald Trump will nominate the top U.S. military commander overseeing the Asia-Pacific region as the next ambassador to Australia, the White House announced Friday.

Navy Adm. Harry Harris Jr. is completing a three-year assignment as head of U.S. Pacific Command, where his tough stance on North Korean and Chinese military adventurism drew notice and approval from the Trump administration. Australia is a plum diplomatic posting that sometimes goes to presidential donors or friends, but the post has been vacant since Trump's inauguration. Australia, a close ally, was increasingly concerned last year

that the vacancy signaled a downgrade in relations.

Trump erupted during a phone call a year ago with Australian Prime Minister Malcolm Turnbull, and later tweeted that an Obama-era agreement for U.S. resettlement of some refugees detained by Australia was a "dumb deal."

The White House statement about Harris describes him as "a highly decorated, combat proven Naval officer with extensive knowledge, leadership and geopolitical expertise in the Indo-Pacific region."

Harris, 61, has been a strong voice within the military and among government policymakers for a confrontational stance against Chinese military expansion or aggression. He has warned about the dangers of ignoring or

appearing to condone Chinese militarization of artificial islands in the South China Sea, and he coined the term "Great Wall of Sand" to describe the Chinese effort to expand military influence.

The Chinese government has singled out Harris for criticism, and official media have sometimes suggested that Harris may be biased toward Japan because his mother was Japanese.

"To understand the Americans' sudden upgraded offensive in the South China Sea, it is simply impossible to ignore Admiral Harris's blood, background, political inclination and values," China's Xinhua news service once wrote.

Unlike many of Trump's nominees for ambassadorial posts, Harris is not expected to be subject to delay by Democrats. The blunt-spoken, wisecracking Navy



Joe GROMELSKI/Stars and Stripes

**Adm. Harry Harris Jr., commander of U.S. Pacific Command, is set to be nominated to serve as ambassador to Australia.**

officer has years of experience in the region and already holds a security clearance.

For the White House, it might not hurt that Harris has appeared to side with Trump over whether it is appropriate for NFL players to kneel instead of stand during the playing of the national anthem.

"You can bet that the men and women we honor today — and those who died that fateful morning 75 years ago — never took a knee and never failed to stand whenever they heard our national anthem being played," Harris said at a Pearl Harbor commemoration in 2016.



DECLAN BARNES/Courtesy of the U.S. Navy

**The guided missile destroyer USS Sterett, foreground, shown with the USS Dewey, is again headed toward the Western Pacific after a mechanical issue delayed its deployment.**

## USS Sterett headed for Western Pacific after delay

By TYLER HLAVAC  
Stars and Stripes

YOKOSUKA NAVAL BASE, Japan — A San Diego-based destroyer is back on track toward the Western Pacific after engineering issues forced it to delay its deployment.

The USS Sterett, which departed Naval Base San Diego along with the USS Dewey on Feb. 6, returned to port after sailors heard unusual noises in the ship's main reduction gear, Naval Surface Forces spokesman Lt. Andrew DeGarmo told Stars and Stripes on Thursday.

The crew resolved the issue and the ship departed again Thursday. The Navy did not provide further details regarding the mechanical issues.

DeGarmo said the Dewey's departure was not affected by the Sterett's delay.

Both destroyers are scheduled

to link up with the Japan-based USS Wasp Expeditionary Strike Group to operate under the Navy's "Up-Gunned ESG" — a concept that punned off amphibious ships with surface vessels like the Sterett and Dewey.

The Wasp — an amphibious assault ship that recently arrived at its new homeport at Sasebo Naval Base and can handle F-35B stealth fighters capable of short takeoff and vertical landings — also bolsters the group's offensive capabilities.

"Surface ships like Dewey and Sterett enhance an amphibious force's ability to conduct its primary mission of ship-to-shore movement in the littorals, particularly in a contested environment," said a Navy statement. "Dewey and Sterett possess important sensors and weapons to detect and neutralize undersea, surface, and air threats that are vital to protecting the amphibious force."

The Sterett and Dewey are the latest 3rd Fleet ships to deploy to the Western Pacific, an area usually patrolled by the 7th Fleet. The San Diego-based USS Carl Vinson strike group began a deployment to the region last month. In addition to the aircraft carrier, the group includes Carrier Air Wing 2, a pair of guided-missile destroyers, a guided-missile cruiser and more than 6,000 sailors.

The Dewey last made headlines in October after it suffered a mechanical failure that led to a fuel spill near San Diego. It leaked 700 gallons of lubricating oil approximately 4 miles off the coast of Imperial Beach.

In May, the Dewey conducted a freedom-of-navigation operation, sailing within 12 nautical miles of Mischief Reef, a disputed South China Sea island controlled by China.

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## US sailors in Japan suspected of buying, selling, using drugs

By TYLER HLAVAC  
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YOKOSUKA NAVAL BASE, Japan — The Navy is investigating an alleged illegal drug ring involving at least a dozen sailors at the home of the aircraft carrier USS Ronald Reagan, Naval Forces Japan and the 7th Fleet.

The sailors, some of whom are assigned to the carrier, are suspected of buying, selling and using illegal drugs, including LSD and ecstasy, according to a report released Friday by The Wall Street Journal. The Navy is also looking into whether the sailors were buying and selling drugs online or distributing them to Japanese citizens outside Yokosuka.

Yokosuka Naval Base spokesman Sean Kelly confirmed to Stars and Stripes on Saturday that the Naval Criminal Investigative Service is looking into the allegations. He would not provide more details, citing the ongoing investigation.

"The Navy has zero tolerance for drug abuse and takes all allegations involving misconduct of our sailors, Navy civilians and family members very seriously," he said.

The allegations came to light on Feb. 6 when the Navy received a tip that a sailor had been using illegal drugs. The sailor was detained before leading investigators to others aboard the carrier who he claimed were distributing or using illegal substances, according to the Wall Street Journal report.

Japanese authorities have also

been brought into the investigation amid suspicions that drugs may have been distributed to locals, the report said. A suspicious package belonging to one of the sailors was intercepted by a local postal service.

A Kanagawa Prefectural Police Department spokesman would not confirm or comment on the investigation Saturday.

The drug probe is the latest in a series of recent misconduct issues involving Yokosuka-based sailors.

On Feb. 3, a Ronald Reagan sailor was arrested by Tokyo police after being accused of sexual assault. The Navy released few details about the incident; however, an official told Stars and Stripes that the victim was not a Japanese national.

A short-term alcohol ban was placed on the carrier's sailors the following day. Capt. Michael Donnelly, the Ronald Reagan's commander, implemented the restriction after an uptick in alcohol-related incidents. The ban was lifted on Feb. 5 following an all-hands call aboard the ship.

One of those incidents involved a Ronald Reagan sailor being injured over the weekend at a Yokosuka barracks. Navy officials would not provide further details but said the incident was under investigation and that the sailor was in stable condition.

Homeported at Yokosuka, the Ronald Reagan is the Navy's only forward-deployed aircraft carrier and has a crew of approximately 3,000 sailors.

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## MILITARY

# Coast Guard seeks man making false mayday calls

By CHRIS HAIRE

The Orange County (Calif.) Register

The U.S. Coast Guard has spent the last month looking for the aquatic version of the boy who cried wolf.

Since Jan. 3, an unknown man is suspected of making eight mayday radio calls to the Coast Guard's Los Angeles command center, a felony that could land the caller in prison for up to six years.

Such fake maydays, officials say, wastes resources and can put rescuers in danger.

"Coast Guard operations are inherently dangerous, and our

servicemembers face risks every time we launch for a search-and-rescue mission," said Capt. Charlene Downey, the Los Angeles-Long Beach commander. "Limited resources should not be diverted away from legitimate emergencies."

In one of the recordings, released last week by the Coast Guard as it seeks the public's help in finding the suspect, a male's voice spits out the universal distress signal rapid-fire: "Mayday, mayday, mayday. ... Mayday, mayday, mayday."

The accent of his voice appears

to change between bursts.

Other recordings from the previous two weeks are undergoing forensic voice analysis, the Coast Guard said in a statement.

The man made the calls to Channel 16, the international channel for communicating distress signals to the Coast Guard, law enforcement and other mariners, Petty Officer DeVante Marrow said. The Coast Guard monitors that channel 24 hours a day.

It is unknown if the man made the calls from the sea or from land.

"The calls were only one to three

seconds long, so they couldn't get a bearing on it," Marrow said. So far, officials couldn't track the calls. "When you have the search-and-rescue calls, they try to get out as much information as possible. In this case, he just said, 'Mayday.'"

The Coast Guard typically sends out crews any time a mayday call comes in — and they will keep looking until they determine a call is fake. The released call did not cite a location.

How the Coast Guard determined these calls were fake is unclear, but Marrow said the com-

manders have criteria they follow to determine a call's legitimacy.

Besides a prison sentence, someone convicted of making a false distress call could face a \$250,000 fine and a \$10,000 civil penalty and have to repay agency costs.

"The Coast Guard aims to promote safety and effectively manage our resources," Downey said. "The risks posed by false distress calls must be stemmed."

Anyone with information about the caller or the false maydays can contact the Coast Guard at 310-512-3801.

## Attacking the beach

Marines assigned to 4th Marine Division, 2nd Platoon, perform an attack-the-beach maneuver in an amphibious assault vehicle during a training exercise at Joint Expeditionary Base Little Creek in Norfolk, Va. The semiannual exercise supports the division's mission to provide trained combat support personnel to augment the active component in a time of war or national emergency.

JACOB D. GALITO  
Courtesy of the U.S. Navy



## Prosthetics: Researchers may see polished prototypes in a year

FROM FRONT PAGE

devices and implanted percutaneous osseointegrated prostheses, which feature a titanium rod that is surgically implanted into the bottom of the femur and exits the body where it can be attached to a prosthetic device.

The program's charge is broad, and progress is being seen in a multitude of areas, from synthetic immune systems that search for and destroy infections to sensors inside the body that measure healing, prosthetic strength, stress and walking gait and upload the information to doctors.

Researchers have seen success in labs across the U.S. and could be less than a year away from a polished prototype, though additional advances may be announced soon. They say that the technology will revolutionize prosthetics for injured warfighters and civilian amputees around the globe.

"It is in the early development stage, but this is an intelligent prosthetic system," said Liming Salvino, a program officer in ONR's Warfighter Performance Department. "MOIP not only can improve quality of life but also usher in the next generation of prosthetic limbs."

Most of today's modern prosthetics are sock-style, where the soft tissue of the amputated area

is placed within a cradle of sorts and fastened.

Veterans often complain that these cause friction and can be painful to wear, which can lead to sores and blisters or an awkward walking motion. Sockets can also lead to skin infections.

In addition, the sockets need to be constantly adjusted, which can be costly. Navy researchers said that for those reasons, a lot of amputees give up prostheses for wheelchairs.

Two years ago, two Iraq War amputees received the first implantable prosthetic legs through a Food and Drug Administration trial at the Department of Veterans Affairs hospital in Salt Lake City. The trial is ongoing and has been expanded to include more veteran amputees.

The osseointegrated prosthesis is a vast improvement, yet challenges remain. The rod fuses with the bone, but there is still space where it exits the body that was susceptible to bacteria.

"Osseointegrated prosthetics have lots of advantages, but they are more complex and more expensive and they don't work for everybody, so it's kind of a choice," said Timothy Bentley, a force health protection program officer involved with MOIP. "The right person should get an (osse-

integrated) prosthetic, but other people will have sockets and they can be improved, too, and our efforts are looking to support both of those."

### Structural health

The MOIP team began brainstorming in late 2015, then divided responsibilities among team members. The actual work began in early 2016, Salvino said.

One of the major focuses of the program is structural health, a field in which Salvino has expertise. Modern bridges and airplanes have sensors built into their construction that monitor stress and collect data on use and behavior to better inform maintenance crews and engineers aiming to improve construction techniques. Salvino wanted to bring these technologies to prosthetics. The team is developing a way to put sensors in sockets and inside the implantable prostheses themselves or in a nanosensor skin that would adhere to the implantable prosthesis inside and outside the body.

Bentley said they can use 3-D printers to make sensors and better-fitting sockets.

The team also is working to develop a skin to help close gaps between the soft tissue and the implantable prosthesis, and to find a

way to relay data from within the body to the outside, which would likely mean a hand-held scanner or device.

Perhaps most exciting, Bentley said, is the primitive synthetic immune system they are developing for the implantable prosthesis inside the body. Sensors inside or on the prosthesis would detect bacteria, infection or dead tissue. They would then alert doctors before it became a major issue, release a chemical response or kill the bacteria with small volts of electricity.

"The eventual goal is to have the sensor itself sense bacterial growth and then respond with an electrical stimulation that either kills or drives away the bacteria," Bentley said.

So far, there are eight projects that will be rolled out in stages, Salvino said. MOIP is working with a medical device company to create a polished prototype while researchers continue to tweak their projects. The next step, Salvino said, is to reproduce results from the lab testing with a device that can be put on an amputee.

"We're all rolling together to make a real difference in the way people can live their lives," Bentley said.

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## MILITARY

# Campaigns: Female vets cite health care as key reason to run

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Only four of the 535 members of Congress are female veterans — two Republicans and two Democrats. At least 32 more women who served in the military are now campaigning for the House and Senate — 25 Democrats and seven Republicans, said Debbie Walsh, director of the Center for American Women and Politics at Rutgers University.

Scores more are campaigning for state-wide office and state legislative seats, many with the aim of running later for Congress.

The increase in veterans running — the number of men is rising, too — is beginning to reverse the long decline of veterans in Congress. In the 1970s, more than 70 percent of House and Senate members had served in the military. Today, about 20 percent have.

Although the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan created a larger pool of potential candidates, it is no coincidence that at a time of sinking regard for politicians, bomber jackets, Bronze Stars and aviator wings are showing up in so many 2018 campaign ads. A recent Gallup poll showed that 72 percent of people had “a great deal” or “quite a lot” of confidence in the military, but only 12 percent did in Congress.

Combat veterans in Congress have a long history of commanding attention when discussing war. Sen. Tammy Duckworth, D-Ill., who lost her legs when a rocket-propelled grenade hit her Black Hawk helicopter in Iraq, was widely quoted recently when she called Trump a “five-deferment draft dodger” and accused him of

**Duckworth**

gloating North Korea.

In response to Trump calling Democrats “treasonous” for not clapping during his State of the Union address, Duckworth countered that she swore an oath to the Constitution and “will not have to mindlessly cater to the whims of Cadet Bone Spurs,” a reference to Trump receiving a Vietnam War-era deferment because of bone spurs.

Democrats want to highlight the fact that many military veterans are appalled by Trump, who has filled his inner circle with retired generals and is planning a huge military parade later this year.

Studies have shown that veterans in office are more reluctant to vote to go to war, but that once war is declared, they back an all-out effort, said Rebecca Burgess, who studies veterans in public office for the American Enterprise Institute.

In half a dozen interviews with female candidates who are veterans, health care was a key reason they wanted to run. Many also talked about the need to improve education, to gain greater gender parity and to institute paid maternity leave. Wanting a strong national security, they said, was a given and rarely mentioned first.

“Women look around and see what is happening and they want to see change,” said Marina Sullivan, 38, a Marine veteran who served in Iraq and is a Democrat running for an open seat in New Hampshire. She said many issues need to be addressed, including child care, mental health and maternity leave.

Sullivan, who worked at the Pentagon in the Obama administration, also said she has seen firsthand the devastating consequences of war, and thinks Trump “puts the national security of this country at risk.”



Courtesy of the U.S. Air Force

**Lt. Col. Martha McSally stands with her A-10 Thunderbolt II aircraft. McSally is running as a Republican for a Senate seat in Arizona.**

with his “erratic and bizarre” behavior.

McGrath agreed that many veterans are upset with the commander in chief. “A lot of us are saying this isn’t the country we fought for,” she said.

The former combat pilot singled out the need for better affordable health care for her candidacy. She first must win the Democratic primary — a field that includes Lexington Mayor Jim Gray — for the chance to unseat Republican Rep. Garland “Andy” Barr. A viral campaign video has boosted her bid. In it she says that at age 13, she wrote to her members of Congress saying she wanted an opportunity to fly fighter jets. Her House member wrote back saying that women were not allowed in combat, and her senator, Republican Mitch McConnell, never replied.

McGrath ended up flying 89 combat missions against al-Qaida and the Taliban.

Several Republican Party officials acknowledged that the Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee and liberal groups, including VoteVets.org, are increasing their efforts to recruit veterans who are critical of Trump.

“Democrats have made a concerted effort because of the stigma attached to them since the 2016 election, which showed them to be out of touch with voters, a party of coastal elites,” said Jesse Hunt, a spokesman for the National Republican Congressional Committee.

But Hunt said that although military service is admirable, “biography is not everything, and a Democrat is not everything.” Voters are swayed by where a candidate stands on issues such as single-payer health care and tax cuts, Hunt said.

**‘I am a fighter pilot, and I talk like one. That’s why I told Washington Republicans to grow a pair of ovaries and get the job done.’**

**Martha McSally**

candidate for a Senate seat in Arizona



Courtesy of Amy McGrath

**Amy McGrath stands next to an F/A-18, the fighter jet she flew as a Marine. McGrath must win the Democratic primary in Kentucky for a chance to unseat Republican Rep. Garland Barr.**



Courtesy of Mikie Sherrill for Congress

**Mikie Sherrill, who piloted Sea King helicopters on Navy missions, is running in New Jersey’s 11th Congressional District.**

But many Democrats see the effectiveness of having combat veterans speak out on deeply partisan issues, including those involving guns.

Burgess, of the American Enterprise Institute, said veterans have an identity apart from political party. Many grew up in middle-class and rural areas, and that helps them “get away from the hated image of the elite politician,” she said.

Jeremy Teigen, author of a new book, “Why Veterans Run,” said Republicans have had more success in getting their veterans elected. Democrats have a history of backing veterans in long-shot races. But he said there are signs this year that Democrats are being more strategic.

Of 36 veterans who attended a two-day workshop run by the nonpartisan Veterans Campaign held in Washington last month, 14 were Democrats, nine were Republicans and the rest were undecided or independents.

Erica Courtney, a former Army helicopter pilot and a Democrat living in Virginia, was one of those who attended sessions such as “Bulletproofing Your Service Record &

Avoiding Common Pitfalls.” She said the military taught her to lead by example and to be inclusive, adding, “Now I am embarrassed to watch the nightly news with my children.”

In Arizona, McSally is embracing Trump as she seeks the seat being vacated by Republican Sen. Jeff Flake.

Elected to the House in 2015, McSally faces former Sheriff Joe Arpaio, another Trump ally, in the Republican primary. The retired Air Force colonel is flying herself to campaign stops, telling voters she will work with Trump on border security, a top issue in her Arizona district.

She also uses “salty language,” as she calls it — just like the guys she served with in the military. She got people’s attention last year when as a House member, she stood up in a GOP conference room during discussions about replacing the Affordable Care Act and said, “Let’s get this f---ing thing done.”

“Sorry if I offended you, but that is who I am,” McSally said in an interview.

“Like our president, I am tired of PC politicians and their BS excuses,” McSally said in a video announcing her Senate bid. “I am a fighter pilot, and I talk like one. That’s why I told Washington Republicans to grow a pair of ovaries and get the job done.”

McGrath, the Kentucky Democrat, said the male-dominated world of politics makes sense for female veterans like her. “Success in combat as a fighter pilot is not gender-dependent,” she said. “A lot of women out there kicked butt.”

## WAR ON TERRORISM

# Israeli PM: Strikes dealt 'severe blows' to Iran and Syria

By ARON HELLER  
Associated Press

JERUSALEM—Israel's prime minister said Sunday his country delivered "severe blows" to Iranian and Syrian forces and vowed to take further action against its adversaries following the most serious Israeli engagement in Syria since the war there erupted almost seven years ago.

Benjamin Netanyahu's tough words to his Cabinet came a day after Israel carried out a wave of airstrikes after Syria. Israel ordered the airstrikes after it intercepted an Iranian drone that had infiltrated its airspace, and an Israeli F-16 was downed upon its return from Syria.

"Yesterday we dealt severe blows to the Iranian and Syrian forces," Netanyahu said. "We made it unequivocally clear to everyone that our rules of action have not changed one bit. We will continue to strike at every attempt to strike at us. This has been our policy and it will remain our policy."

Israel has tried to stay on the sidelines since civil war broke out in neighboring Syria in 2011, though it has periodically carried out airstrikes against suspected weapons shipments believed to be headed for Lebanese Hezbollah, the Iran- and Syria-allied militant group. But as the Syrian war winds down, Israeli officials have voiced increasing alarm that Iran and its Shiite allies are establishing a permanent presence in Syria that could turn its aim toward Israel.

Israeli leaders said the airstrikes sent a clear message to Iran.

"We do not just talk; we act,"

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Benjamin Netanyahu  
Israeli prime minister

said Cabinet Minister Yoav Galant, a former Israeli deputy chief of staff and member of Netanyahu's Security Cabinet.

"I think that also the Syrians now understand well that the fact that they are hosting the Iranians on Syrian soil harms them," he told The Associated Press.

Saturday's airstrikes marked the toughest Israeli aerial assault in Syria in decades.

The Syrian Observatory for Human Rights, which monitors the war in Syria through a network of activists on the ground, said Sunday that at least six Syrian troops and allied militiamen were killed in the airstrikes. The six included Syrian and non-Syrian allied troops, the Britain-based Observatory said.

"They, and we, know what we hit, and it will take them some time for them to digest, understand and ask how Israel knew how to hit those sites," Israeli Intelligence Minister Israel Katz told the Army Radio station. "These were concealed sites, and



A Lebanese farmer in Hashbani village in southwest Lebanon inspects a missile that, according to the Lebanon national news agency, is part of a Syrian air defense missile that targeted an Israeli warplane.

we have intelligence agencies and the ability to know everything that is going on there, and yesterday we proved that."

In Saturday's attacks, the Israeli jets came under heavy Syrian anti-aircraft fire, and the pilots of one of the F-16s had to eject before the plane crashed in northern Israel. One pilot was seriously wounded and the other one lightly hurt.

Israel would not confirm whether its aircraft was shot down by enemy fire, which would mark the first such instance for Israel since 1982, when it was fighting a war in neighboring Lebanon.

Israel has recently issued several stern warnings about the increased Iranian involvement along its borders with Syria and Lebanon.

Israel fears Iran could use Syrian territory to stage attacks or create a land corridor from Iran to Lebanon that could allow it to transfer weapons more easily to Hezbollah — a powerful Iran-backed Shiite militant group sworn to Israel's destruction.

Though Israel has largely stayed out of the Syrian conflict, it has struck weapons convoys destined for Hezbollah dozens of times since 2012.

Israel has also shot down several drones that previously tried to infiltrate its territory from Syria, but the capture of an Iranian drone and the direct targeting of Iranian sites in response marked a dramatic escalation in the Israeli retaliation.

Israel has long complained about the involvement of arch-enemy Iran and Iranian proxy Hezbollah in the Syria war. Both have sent forces to back Assad, who appears headed toward victory. Israel has said it will not accept a permanent military presence by Iran and its Shiite allies in Syria, especially near the Israeli border.

Netanyahu has held several consultations with Russian President Vladimir Putin, who has also sent forces to back Assad. Following the Israeli strikes, the two spoke again Saturday, with Netanyahu conveying Israel's determination

to counter Iran's intentions.

Still, Russia's Foreign Ministry appeared to criticize Israel's actions by calling for restraint and respecting Syria's sovereignty.

"It is absolutely unacceptable to create threats to the lives and security of Russian servicemen who are in Syria at the invitation of its legitimate government," it said.

The United States strongly backed Israel.

The White House issued a statement in which it said it supports Israel's "right to defend itself from the Iranian-backed Syrian and militia forces in southern Syria."

"We call on Iran and its allies to cease provocative actions and work toward regional peace," it said.

In an interview published Sunday in the Israel Hayom daily but conducted before Saturday's clash, President Donald Trump was asked whether it was possible to prevent the establishment of Iranian bases in Syria and Lebanon. He replied: "You will see. Watch and see what happens."

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## NATION

# Why Amtrak pays for accidents it didn't cause

By JEFF HOROWITZ  
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Federal investigators are still looking at how CSX railway crews routed an Amtrak train into a parked freight train in Cayce, S.C., on Feb. 4. But even if CSX should bear sole responsibility for the accident, Amtrak will likely end up paying crash victims' legal claims with public money.

Amtrak pays for accidents it didn't cause because of secretive agreements negotiated between the passenger rail company, which receives more than \$1 billion annually in federal subsidies, and the private railroads, which own 97 percent of the tracks on which Amtrak travels.

Both Amtrak and freight railroads that own the tracks fight to keep those contracts secret in legal proceedings. But whatever the precise legal language, plaintiffs' lawyers and former Amtrak officials

say Amtrak generally bears the full cost of damages to its trains, passengers, employees and other crash victims — even in instances in which crashes occurred as the result of a freight rail company's negligence or misconduct.

Railroad industry advocates say freight railroads have ample incentive to "keep their tracks safe for their employees, customers and investors. But the Surface Transportation Board and even some federal courts have long concluded that allowing railroads to escape liability for gross negligence is bad public policy.

"The freight railroads don't have an iron in the fire when it comes to making the safety improvements necessary to protect members of the public," said Bob Pottroff, a Manhattan, Kan., rail-injury attorney who has sued CSX on behalf of an injured passenger from the Cayce crash. "They're not paying the damages."

Beyond CSX's specific activities in the hours before the accident, the company's safety record has deteriorated in recent years, according to a standard metric provided by the Federal Railroad Administration. Since 2013, CSX's rate of major accidents per million miles traveled has jumped by more than half, from 2 to 3.08 — significantly worse than the industry average. Rail passenger advocates raised concerns after the CSX CEO at the time pushed hard last year to route freight more directly by altering its routes.

CSX denied that safety had slipped at the company, blaming the change in the major accident index on a reduction of total miles traveled combined with changes in its cargo and train length.

"Our goal remains zero accidents," CSX spokesman Bryan Tucker wrote in a statement provided to The Associated Press. CSX's new system of train routing "will

create a safer, more efficient railroad resulting in a better service product for our customers," he wrote.

Amtrak's ability to offer national rail service is governed by separately negotiated track usage agreements with 30 different railroads. All the deals share a common trait: They're "no fault," according to a September 2017 presentation delivered by Amtrak executive Jim Blair as part of a Federal Highway Administration seminar.

No fault means Amtrak takes full responsibility for its property and passengers and the injuries of anyone hit by a train. The "host railroad" that operates the tracks must be responsible only for its property and employees. Blair called the decades-long arrangement "a good way for Amtrak and the host partners to work together to get things resolved quickly and not fight over issues of responsibility."

Amtrak declined to comment on Blair's presentation.

## Canadian PM, mayor of LA wind up 3-day visit with hike

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Capping off a three-day swing through California that's mostly been focused on business and trade, Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau toasted his country's friendship with Los Angeles on Saturday by taking a brisk morning hike with Mayor Eric Garcetti.

Dressed in shorts and athletic shirts, the two men spoke with reporters before walking through Griffith Park. The appearance came the morning after Trudeau gave a speech about the importance of the North American Free Trade Agreement at the Ronald Reagan Presidential Library in Simi Valley.

A California Highway Patrol officer accompanying the prime minister was injured in a crash that happened shortly after Trudeau's motorcade left the library Friday night. Garcetti said Saturday that the officer is expected to recover from a broken clavicle.

Trudeau's vehicle was not involved, and he was not injured.

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Eric Garcetti  
mayor of Los Angeles

working together for the betterment of our citizens is a message that does continue and does resonate," he said.

The two men made statements in English, French and Spanish. Garcetti warmly welcomed Trudeau to Los Angeles and said Canada was a major trading partner for the city.

"It's very important for us in this moment, when there is so much supposed division in the world, to reinsure that there is friendship and strength," Garcetti said. "We see friendship as a strength and conflict as a weakness."

The two men, both in their 40s, then set off at a brisk pace. They chatted with other hikers and posed for a "selfie" with one group.

Trudeau said the hike was "awesome" and "beautiful."

Trudeau came with an unambiguous message that NAFTA is a success that needs to be modern-

ized and not abandoned. The next round of talks over the trade pact is set to begin in Mexico later this month.

President Donald Trump called the 24-year-old agreement a job-killing "disaster" on the campaign trail, and he has threatened to pull out unless the deal requires more auto production in the U.S., while shifting additional government contracts to U.S. companies.

Trudeau argued that the deal has sent benefits both ways across the border. But he added, "President Trump and I agree about this: Too many people have been left behind, even as our economies measure."

Trudeau was in San Francisco Thursday and he picked up promises of investments and jobs during his first official visit to the city. Among them, Salesforce CEO Marc Benioff announced the on-line business software company will invest another \$2 billion in its Canadian operations.



DAMIAN DOVGARGANES/AP

**Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau, right, and Los Angeles Mayor Eric Garcetti walk together after holding a joint news conference at the Griffith Observatory in Los Angeles on Saturday.**

## 3 dead, 4 injured in tour helicopter crash at Grand Canyon

By ALINA HARTOUNIAN  
Associated Press

PHOENIX — A tour helicopter carrying seven people on board crashed in the Grand Canyon, killing three people and injuring the others.

Six passengers and a pilot were on board the Papillon Grand Canyon Helicopters chopper when

it crashed about 5:20 p.m. Saturday on the Hualapai Nation near Quatermaster Canyon, Hualapai Nation police Chief Francis Bradley said.

The four who were injured were level 1 trauma patients and were being treated at the scene.

An after-hours phone call and an email to Papillon were not immediately returned Saturday. The

company's website says it flies roughly 600,000 passengers a year on Grand Canyon and other tours.

It also notes that it "abides by flight safety rules and regulations that substantially exceed the regulations required by the Federal Aviation Administration."

Longtime helicopter crash lawyer Gary C. Robb represented a woman badly burned in a deadly

Papillon crash at the Grand Canyon in 2001. He said the company has made big improvements since that crash.

"They've improved their pilot qualifications as well as their maintenance over the last 10 years, and as far as I know, they've not had a crash since 2001," he said. He added that flying in the Grand Canyon can be treacherous simply

because of the number of helicopters there.

Federal Aviation Administration spokesman Allen Kenitzer said the Eurocopter EC130 crashed in unknown circumstances and sustained heavy damage.

Robb said his heart went out to the victims. "This is not just the fact that a helicopter crashed; this is a human tragedy," he said.

## NATION

# OxyContin maker to stop marketing the drug to physicians

Associated Press

NEW YORK — The maker of the powerful painkiller OxyContin said it will stop marketing opioid drugs to doctors, bowing to a key demand of lawsuits that blame the company for helping trigger the current drug abuse epidemic.

OxyContin has long been the world's top-selling opioid painkiller, bringing in billions in sales for privately held Purdue Pharma, which also sells a newer and longer-lasting opioid drug called Hysingla.

The company announced its surprise reversal Saturday. Purdue's statement said it eliminated more than half its sales staff last week and will no longer send sales representatives to doctors' offices to discuss opioid drugs. Its remaining sales staff of about 200 will focus on other medications.

The OxyContin pill, a time-release version of oxycodone, was hailed as a breakthrough treatment for chronic pain when it was approved in late 1995. It worked over 12 hours to maintain a steady level of oxycodone in patients suffering from a wide range of pain ailments. But some users quickly discovered they could get a heroin-like high by crushing the pills

and snorting or injecting the entire dose at once.

In 2010 Purdue reformulated OxyContin to make it harder to crush and stopped selling the original form of the drug.

Purdue eventually acknowledged that its promotions exaggerated the drug's safety and minimized the risks of addiction.

After federal investigations, the company and three executives pleaded guilty in 2017 and agreed to pay more than \$600 million for misleading the public about the risks of OxyContin. But the drug continued to rack up blockbuster sales.

Dr. Andrew Kolodny, director of opioid policy research at Brandeis University and an advocate for stronger regulation of opioid drug companies, said Purdue's decision is helpful but that it won't make a major difference unless other opioid drug companies do the same.

Allergan, which makes three opioid pain medications, said it has not actively marketed those drugs in years, and Janssen Pharmaceuticals, a unit of Johnson & Johnson, said it stopped marketing the medications in 2015. Both said opioid drugs make up a very small portion of their total revenue.



Tom Dodge, THE COLUMBUS (OHIO) DISPATCH/AP

Authorities investigate the scene where two Westerville, Ohio, police officers were shot and killed responding to a hang-up 911 call Saturday.

## 2 Ohio officers shot dead; suspect held

Associated Press

WESTERVILLE, Ohio — Two Ohio police officers responding to a 911 hang-up call were fatally shot Saturday after entering a townhome in a Columbus suburb and a suspect who police were once warned "carries a gun all the time" was taken into custody, authorities said.

Westerville police Chief Joe Morbitzer said officer Eric Joering, 39, died at the scene, and his colleague, Anthony Morelli, 54, died at a local hospital.

Morbitzer said the officers were responding to a "potential domestic situation." A neighbor who heard the gunfire said it happened at a home where the occupants were "always arguing and fighting."

"The officers gave their lives in defense of others," Morbitzer



Morelli

said during a news conference, struggling to keep his emotions in check. He called them "true American heroes."

Police did not identify the suspect but confirmed late Saturday that he was Quentin Lamar Smith, 30. They released incident reports showing police previously had been to his home or had dealings with him several times since 2017, some for alleged domestic violence involving a woman identified in the reports as his wife, Candace Smith, 33.

Authorities said he was wounded and was treated at a hospital.

In a Nov. 29 incident, Candace



Joering

Smith went to a police station and asked about protection orders because she said she and her husband weren't getting along and she discovered

she had a sexually transmitted disease. She also told police that when she "threatens to leave Quentin, he tells her that he would kill her, their daughter and himself," the report said.

Candace Smith told police her husband "has a gun that he carries all of the time, and if it isn't on him, it is close by." Police were called to the home later that night to investigate a report of domestic violence.

## Dems: GOP's revised voting map for Pa. is too partisan

Associated Press

HARRISBURG, Pa. — Pennsylvania Democrats on Saturday described a revised congressional district map being proposed by Republican leaders as too partisan, citing as evidence the results of the 2016 presidential campaign.

A spokesman for state House Democrats said their analysis of the GOP proposal indicates Republican President Donald Trump would have collected more votes in 13 of 18 districts, one more than he actually did win.

The Legislature's two top-ranking Republicans unveiled their proposed map late Friday, three weeks after the five Democrats on the state Supreme Court declared the existing map unconstitutional because it puts partisan aims above other map-drawing criteria.

Drew Crompton, a senior Senate Republican aide involved in developing the map, said voter performance was not considered for any candidate.

"I don't know how many districts Trump won" or how any district performed for any candidate, Crompton said. "We did not run that data."

Trump beat Democrat Hillary Clinton in Pennsylvania by less than 1 percentage point.

The Democratic voters who successfully challenged the state's congressional district map in state court called the Republicans' proposed replacement a "naked partisan gerrymander." They said Saturday the map would divide populous southeastern counties for partisan gain.

The map by House Speaker Mike Turzai and Senate President Pro Tempore Joe Scarnati would reduce dozens of municipal or county divisions while keeping nearly 70 percent of state residents in their existing districts. The Turzai-Scarnati map would split 32 counties and municipalities, 62 fewer than the 2011 map.

"The districts are compact. The districts limit splits dramatically. The districts comply with the Voting Rights Act. Confusion for voters has been minimized," Crompton said.

Under the terms of a Jan. 22 court order, Democratic Gov. Tom Wolf has until Thursday to tell the justices if the General Assembly has produced a map he supports. If not, the court has indicated it may develop one of its own.

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## NATION

# White House grapples with Porter fallout

By JONATHAN LEMIRE  
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Reeling from the downfall of a senior aide, the White House was on the defensive Sunday, attempting to soften President Donald Trump's comments about the mistreatment of women while rallying around the embattled chief of staff.

Several senior aides fanned out on the morning talk shows to explain how the White House handled the departure of staff secretary Rob Porter, a rising West Wing star who exited after two ex-wives came forward with allegations of spousal abuse. And they tried to clarify the reaction from Trump, who has yet to offer a sympathetic word to the women who said they had been abused.

"The president believes, as he said the other day, you have to consider all sides," said senior counselor Kellyanne Conway. "He has said this in the past about incidents that relate to him, as well. At the same time, you have to look at the results. The result is that Rob Porter is no longer the staff secretary."

On Saturday, Trump tweeted

**‘The president believes, as he said the other day, you have to consider all sides.’**

Kellyanne Conway  
senior counselor to President Donald Trump

that "lives are being shattered and destroyed by a mere allegation. Some are true and some are false." The day before, he pointed to Porter's assertions of innocence and wished him a great future.

Conway also delivered what she said were voiceless confessions from Trump for Chief of Staff John Kelly, who has come under fire for his handling of the Porter matter. Kelly initially defended his right-hand man before later offering a version of last week's events that puzzled aides and did not line up with the White House's earlier timeline.

Budget Director Mick Mulvaney, among those mentioned as a possible Kelly successor if Trump were to make a change, also played the speculation about Kelly's standing, suggesting those stories "are mostly being fed by people who are unhappy that they have lost access to the

president." He said talk of Kelly's departure is "much ado about nothing."

But Trump has grown frustrated with Kelly, once commended for bringing discipline to the West Wing but who recently has been at the center of his own controversies.

Trump has begun floating possible names for a future chief of staff in conversations with outside advisers, according to three people with knowledge of the conversations but not authorized to discuss them. In addition to Mulvaney, the others are House Majority Leader Kevin McCarthy, of California; Rep. Mark Meadows, R-N.C.; and CIA Director Mike Pompeo.

Mulvaney said no one has talked to him about replacing Kelly and "I don't want that job."

There was no sign that a move was imminent, according to the people with knowledge of the con-

versations. Trump is known to frequently poll his advisers about the performance of senior staff and is often reluctant to actually fire aides.

Kelly has indicated he would step aside if he lost the faith of the president. But he has not offered to resign, according to a White House official who was not authorized to discuss personnel matters publicly and spoke on condition of anonymity.

A number of West Wing aides were shaken by Kelly's handling of the Porter accusations. At a senior staff meeting Friday, Kelly tried to push his own timeline concerning Porter. Some aides in that meeting privately questioned Kelly's account, thinking his version of events was self-serving, according to one official with knowledge of the meeting but not authorized to discuss it publicly.

Kelly has said he found out only Tuesday night that the accusations against Porter were true, but that same evening, the White House released a statement of support for Porter from Kelly. The chief of staff, who has said he only learned of irregularities with Porter's background check in November,

insisted that the decision for the staff secretary was made before photos of one of his ex-wives with a black eye were published.

Mulvaney, however, said Porter was "not entirely forthcoming" when asked about the allegations and, once the photos came out, "we dismissed that person immediately."

The week also cast a harsh spotlight on Hope Hicks, the White House communications director who was dating the staff secretary. She helped craft the White House's initial supportive response and has clashed with Kelly. But several aides, including Conway, delivered ringing support for Hicks and said the president still valued her.

As the aftershocks of the accusations against Porter reverberated for a sixth day, Trump stayed out of sight on a rainy Sunday in Washington. Showing little regard for the #MeToo movement, he has followed a pattern of giving the benefit of the doubt to powerful men and insisting upon his own innocence in the face of allegations of sexual misconduct from more than a dozen women.

## Chief of Staff Kelly fails to provide calm, competence after all

By DAN BALZ  
The Washington Post

When John Kelly replaced Reince Priebus as White House chief of staff, one question he faced was the choice of managing down or managing up: bringing discipline to a chaotic and

**ANALYSIS** feuding staff operation or trying to tame an uncontrollable boss. Last week, it became evident he's done neither successfully.

Kelly made his bet early. There was little he could do to change President Donald Trump. This president more than others in the past operates outside of traditional boundaries. His impulses are rarely in check, and often he acts on his worst instincts. He makes life difficult for those who serve him. What's a chief of staff, even a four-star Marine general, to do about that?

Kelly decided to manage down, to focus where he thought his talents could best be utilized. He earned plaudits for reducing the staff infighting and bringing some semblance of order to a White House where anarchy reigned. The Oval Office symbolized a table of organization with no clear lines of authority.

Instead of a White House seen from the outside as a real-life "Game of Thrones," with characters in primary colors clashing behind a cascade of leaks and anonymous quotes, the White

House under Kelly's guidance projected a far less flamboyant personality. That was in part because of new processes he put in place and in part because of the departure of some senior officials who delighted in all the palace intrigue.

If the fundamental behavior of the president did not change, allies of the administration comforted themselves into believing that somewhat calmer White House was a more competent White House. However, the change-over to Kelly's regime appears to have instead substituted one set of problems for another, as last week demonstrated.

The past few days have been terrible for the White House. Staff secretary Rob Porter, regarded as one of the most skilled insider operators in the White House, was forced to depart after two ex-wives went public with accusations of domestic abuse. In leaving his government, Porter forcefully denied the accusations, labeling them as "simply false."

On Friday, a second White House official, speechwriter David Sorensen, resigned just as The Washington Post was preparing to publish a report about domestic abuse accusations leveled by his former wife. Sorensen also strongly denied the allegations.

Sorensen's ex-wife told the Post that she had shared her background with the FBI during a bureau investigation of her former husband, just as Porter's



EVAN VUCCI/AP

**White House Chief of Staff John Kelly watches as President Donald Trump speaks with Don Bouvet in the Oval Office of the White House on Friday.**

exes had done with him.

In Porter's case, the accusations of abuse were long known to some senior White House officials, who chose not to act on them until public scrutiny forced their hand. Kelly's reputation has taken another hit, and White House officials once again are under siege and plunged into a new period of turmoil and recriminations.

Trump's White House will probably never be smooth-running, as it ultimately reflects the character and personality of the president. But the past few days have dealt another blow to public confidence in those who serve at the highest levels at the White House and likely to the morale of those who serve there in other capacities.

Porter acted as more than staff secretary. He was in many ways Kelly's right hand, a staffer with no public profile but, according to

accounts from those who worked with him, someone who was highly skilled at his job. His role was to manage the flow of paper to the president, a responsibility that belies its bureaucratic description. He was in constant contact with Trump, briefing him — and no doubt educating him — about the kinds of policies and proposals that are constantly in motion in any administration and that were in many cases unfamiliar to a chief executive with no prior governmental experience.

Porter was good at his job, and he was allowed to continue despite the allegations of abuse that had surfaced during the FBI background checks and were relayed to White House officials. When the first reports about the accusations surfaced Tuesday night in the Daily Mail and the Intercept, Kelly issued a statement in Por-

ter's defense, effusively praising his character.

As public outcry intensified, Kelly backed away from his robust endorsement.

He told senior staffers Friday he had moved swiftly to remove Porter when he learned that the allegations were credible, according to a Washington Post report. It was an explanation that contradicted previous accounts from Trump administration officials.

Kelly served admirably in the military. But the differences between the military and the civilian role of running the White House have caused him problems. As chief of staff, he has shown various blind spots that have led him into other controversies, from falsely attacking a female member of Congress to suggesting the Civil War was caused by a failure to compromise.



## NATION



JULIE WALKER/AP

A large crowd gathers in New York on Saturday in support of Ravi Ragbir, an immigration activist who is fighting deportation.

## Hundreds rally against activist's deportation

By DAVID JEANS  
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Hundreds of people rallied on Saturday in support of an immigration activist from Trinidad and Tobago who's fighting deportation, accusing authorities of targeting him for speaking out.

Ravi Ragbir was facing removal from the United States on Saturday. But a judge in Newark ruled Friday that he could stay in the country while a lawsuit filed on his behalf is argued.

Ragbir, 53, still had to check in on Saturday with immigration officials at a federal office in lower Manhattan. It is where the New Sanctuary Coalition of New York City, a coalition of 150 faith-based, pro-immigrant groups, staged the rally.

Beforehand, Ragbir led demonstrators on a march and told them he believes the country's immigration policies are racist.

"Am I a national security prob-

lem?" Ragbir said. "Am I colluding with Russia? ... We know that there is a movement to remove people of color, to learn that there is an ethnic cleansing being created by this administration. And it's very hard words, but let's be real about what we are seeing."

Ragbir was detained last month during a check-in with ICE over a 2001 conviction for a mortgage fraud scheme. He was released last week by a federal judge who expressed "grave concerns" about his treatment.

The government had said he should be deported because of the conviction involving a New Jersey mortgage company where Ragbir worked that was caught up in the fraud. He's fighting to vacate the conviction in federal court in New Jersey, contending he was just an employee doing his job, unaware of any fraudulent activity.

U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement officials have said repeatedly that Ragbir and the other activists were being deported because of their serious criminal records, not because of their politics.

Dozens of police officers surrounded the protest, while a small contingent of counterprotesters who stood at the rear of the gathering could be heard heckling during speeches.



Ragbir

# Trump is question mark as Senate debates immigration

By ALAN FRAM  
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Senate will open up a rare, open-ended debate on immigration and the fate of the "Dreamer" immigrants on Monday. But the most influential voice in the conversation may be on the other side of Pennsylvania Avenue.

If the aim is to pass a legislative solution soon, President Donald Trump remains a crucial and, at times, complicating, player. His day-to-day turnabouts on the issues have confounded both Democrats and Republicans and led some to urge the White House to minimize his role in the debate for fear he'll say something that undermines the effort.

Yet his ultimate support will be vital if Congress is to overcome election-year pressures against compromise. No deal crafted in the Senate is likely to see the light of day in the more conservative House without the president's blessing and promise to sell compromise to his hard-line base. Trump, thus far, has balked on that front.

Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell, R-Ky., scheduled an initial procedural vote for Monday evening to commence debate. It is expected to succeed easily, and then the Senate will spend days or weeks — no one knows how long — sorting through proposals.

Democrats and some Republicans say they want to help the "Dreamers," young immigrants who have lived in the U.S. illegally since they were children and have only temporarily been protected from deportation by an Obama-era program. Trump has said he wants to aid them and has even proposed a path to citizenship for 1.8 million, but in exchange wants \$25 billion for his proposed U.S.-Mexico border wall plus significant curbs to legal immigration.

Some version of Trump's plan and a bipartisan proposal to give Dreamers a chance at citizenship — with no border security money or legal immigration restrictions



JACQUELYN MARTIN/AP

People rally in support of the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals program Wednesday at the Lutheran Church of the Reformation, near the Capitol in Washington.

— seem likely to surface. Both are considered certain to fail.

A rejection of Trump's plan, which may not even attract all GOP votes, would be a black eye for the White House. For Democrats, perhaps its most radioactive proposal is barring legal immigrants from sponsoring their parents or siblings to live in the U.S.

Votes are also possible on a compromise by a small bipartisan group led by Sens. Dick Durbin, D-Ill., and Lindsey Graham, R-S.C. It would provide possible citizenship for hundreds of thousands of Dreamers, \$2.7 billion for border security and some changes in legal immigration rules. Sens. John McCain, R-Ariz., and Chris Coons, D-Conn., would offer legal status but not necessarily citizenship and require tougher border security without promising wall money.

Trump has rejected both proposals.

Trump made a clamp-down on immigration a staple of his 2016

presidential campaign. As president he has mixed expressions of sympathy for Dreamers with rhetoric that equate immigration with crime and drugs.

In September he said he was ending the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals program, or DACA, which lets Dreamers temporarily live and work in the U.S. Trump said President Barack Obama had lacked the legal power to create DACA.

Trump gave Congress until March 5 to somehow replace it, though a federal court has forced him to continue its protections.

The court's blunting of the deadline has made congressional action even less likely. Lawmakers rarely take difficult votes without a forcing mechanism — particularly in an election year. That has raised the prospect that the Senate debate launching Monday will largely serve to frame a larger fight over the issue on the campaign trail.

## No. 3 official at Justice Department steps down amid turmoil

By SADIE GURMAN  
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Justice Department's No. 3 official is planning to step down at a time of turmoil in the agency.

Rachel Brand is leaving for the top legal job at Walmart, friend and former colleague Jamie Gorelick told The Associated Press on Friday.

Brand attracted interest because of her potential to assume a key role in the Trump-Russia investigation. The official overseeing special counsel Robert Mueller's investigation, Deputy Attorney General Rod Rosenstein, has been repeatedly criticized by President Donald Trump. If Rosenstein had been fired or quit, over-



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sight would have fallen to Brand. That job would now fall to Solicitor General Noel Francisco.

"She felt this was an opportunity she couldn't turn down," Gorelick said. Walmart sought Brand to be head of global corporate governance at the retail

giant, a position Gorelick said has legal and policy responsibilities that will cater to her strengths.

President and CEO Doug McMillon said Walmart "is fortunate to have a leader of

Rachel Brand's stature join the company."

The New York Times first reported the departure, which comes as the Justice Department has been subject to unprecedented attack by Trump. His broadsides have strained morale at the institution known for its vaunted independence from the White House.

Her departure leaves another vacancy at the Justice Department, which still lacks Senate-confirmed leaders over many of its most important divisions.

Trump, who has openly lamented his inability to influence Justice Department decisions, has stepped up his criticism in recent weeks, fueled by the release of a politically explosive memo alleging the FBI

abused its surveillance powers in the Russia investigation.

Brand, who became associate attorney general in May, has kept a relatively low profile and, unlike other top officials, has not been personally targeted by Trump. Attorney General Jeff Sessions praised the "quality and leadership" of Brand and Rosenstein at a Justice Department event last week that focused on human trafficking, which was one of her stated priorities.

In a statement, Brand said she is proud of the department's accomplishments during her short time there.

"The men and women of the Department of Justice impress me every day," she said.

## NATION

# False alarms show flaws in US alert system

By MICHAEL RUBINKAM

Associated Press

Weather junkie John Grosso knew it was highly unlikely a monster wave was barreling toward the Connecticut coast. Still, when a tsunami warning appeared out of the blue on his phone Tuesday, he felt a twinge of fear. His co-workers, who got the same alert, asked whether they should evacuate.

It turned out to be a false alarm, a computer glitch. The damage? An erosion of trust.

"Now I have to check every single time, God forbid, there's a tornado warning, a tsunami alert, pick your poison," said Grosso, 25, a social media manager from Stamford. "I have to look at it and go, 'Is it a test? Was it sent in error?' And I could be wasting precious time in case it was real."

Last month's mistaken ballistic missile warning in Hawaii and, now, last week's tsunami snafu have highlighted trouble spots and prompted calls for change in the nation's increasingly complex system for alerting Americans about dangerous weather, active shooters, kidnapped children, plant explosions and other emergencies.

Both incidents have prompted calls for reform, including better training for emergency workers in charge of sending alerts.

More than 1,000 federal, state and local government agencies have the ability to issue emergency alerts through an array of federally managed communications networks. It is a patchwork system that usually works as intended but can wreak havoc when it doesn't.

In the Senate, legislation introduced last week in response to the false missile alert would establish standards for state and local agencies' participation in the national alert system, require federal certification of their incident management systems, and recommend steps for avoiding false alarms.

Additionally, the Federal Communications Commission has ordered wireless providers to do a better job of targeting emergency alerts to only those in the affected area, with a geographic "overreach" of no more than one-tenth of a mile.

Aside from the false alarms, emergency agencies have been criticized for sending alerts to too many people or too few. In Alaska, for instance, a tsunami warning triggered by an undersea earthquake in January reached residents of Anchorage even though the city wasn't in danger. In Northern California wine country, where wildfires killed dozens of people in October, some residents complained that authorities failed to send an emergency alert to their phones.

"The emergency alerting system is really a whole collection of systems, and there are various places where it can break down," said Dan Gonzales, a scientist at Rand Corp. who studies emergency alert systems. "With so many organizations involved, it's difficult to make it foolproof."

The risk of too many false alarms, Gonzales said, is that "people will ignore warnings if they believe they're not accurate or not relevant."

That was on vivid display Tuesday when AccuWeather, the private forecasting service, took what was intended to be a routine monthly National Weather Service test message and sent it as a real warning to subscribers up and down the East Coast, the Gulf of Mexico and the Caribbean.

Katia Del Negro, 33, was at home in New York City when she got the alert, her surprise quickly turning to skepticism.

"I definitely got a bit concerned when



PHOTOS BY ROBERT F. BUKAT/AP

Jeremy DaRos, of Portland, Maine, received an erroneous tsunami alert on his phone Feb. 6.

I saw that many people along the East Coast received the alert," she said. "But at the same it seemed so weird, so I thought something was off, thinking back about what happened in Hawaii not long ago."

AccuWeather, based in State College, Pa., blamed the weather service, saying the government agency miscoded the test message. That caused the company's computers to interpret it as real and push it to subscribers' cellphones, according to AccuWeather.

The weather service insisted its message was coded properly.

Daryl Herzmann, a systems analyst in the agronomy department at Iowa State University, said the message contained a "T" flag, indicating test. But the weather service also recycled a tracking number it used in a previous tsunami warning, probably confusing AccuWeather's computers, he said.

The weather service has been recycling tracking numbers for years, said Herzmann, who runs an environmental data project that compiles information from the weather service.

Weather service spokeswoman Susan Buchanan had no comment on Herzmann's observation. She pointed to an earlier statement that said the agency is "working with private sector companies to determine why some systems did not recognize the coding."

It was human error, not a computer problem, that caused last month's panic in Hawaii. A state worker mistook a drill



DaRos shows the erroneous tsunami alert he received on his phone.

for a missile attack and sent an emergency alert to cellphones and broadcast stations. It took nearly 40 minutes for the Hawaii Emergency Management Agency to figure out a way to retract the alert. The worker was fired and the agency chief resigned.

"This cry of wolf damaged the credibility of alert messaging, which can be dangerous when a real emergency occurs," Lisa Fowlkes, an FCC official, said last week during a House committee hearing on the

nation's emergency messaging system.

Jeremy DaRos, of Portland, Maine, who lives near the water and got the erroneous tsunami alert, said he is concerned that people won't take seriously the emergency alerts they get in an actual crisis.

"People need to trust the alerts they're pushing out," he said. "This is important stuff, and to have two incidents in the span of a month is just unacceptable."

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# INDEPENDENT NEWS FOR THE U.S. MILITARY COMMUNITY

## Whenever They Fight and Wherever They Live

The first Stars and Stripes was printed during the Civil War, when a band of Union soldiers published a handful of editions.

During World War I, Stars and Stripes reappeared in Paris on February 8, 1918, to serve the doughboys of the American Expeditionary Force (AEF), by order of General of the Armies John J. Pershing. An all-military staff produced it weekly until the war's end.

A second renaissance began on April 18, 1942, when a small group of servicemen began publishing a four-page weekly Stars and Stripes in London. They sold each copy for "tuppence" (about 5 cents) and in no time doubled their page count to eight pages, printing daily instead of weekly.

The first World War II edition of Stars and Stripes featured an interview with Gen. George C. Marshall, Army Chief of Staff. Marshall quoted Gen. Pershing, World War I Commander of the AEF, who described Stripes as a major factor in sustaining morale. Stars and Stripes later found a champion and protector in Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower, Supreme Allied Commander and later president of the United States.

Eisenhower enforced a hands-off policy in regard to Stars and Stripes that continues to the present day.

Operations expanded, following GIs to the battlefield to bring them the news. During the war, Stars and Stripes published over 30

separate editions, running up to 24 pages per issue.

At one time, Stars and Stripes had some 25 printing locations in Europe, North Africa, the Middle East and the Pacific. The Pacific edition was launched a week after VE day (Victory in Europe, May 8, 1945).

The war ended—but Stars and Stripes kept going. Its reporters and photographers continued to join American troops in the field, throughout the Korean and Vietnam conflicts, during the 1990s Operations Desert Shield and Desert Storm, and in Bosnia and Kosovo.

From the 2003 outset of Operation Enduring Freedom, Stars and Stripes was there to report first-hand. The war in Afghanistan continues to receive steady coverage. And during Operation Iraqi Freedom, Stripes reporters embedded with military units in Kuwait and Iraq, as well as on Navy ships in the region.

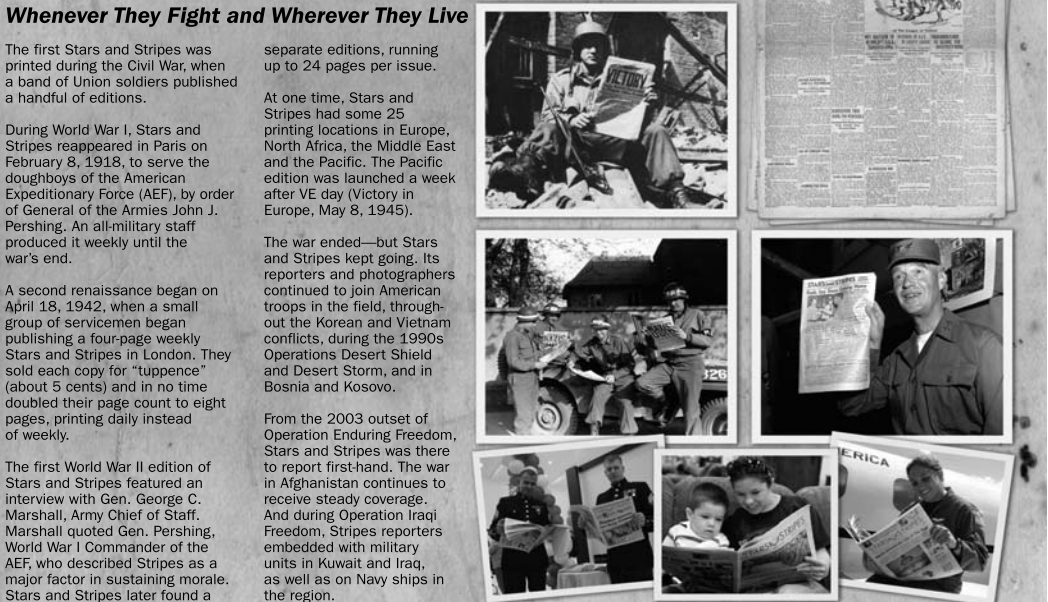
Stars and Stripes today is a multimedia news organization. The majority of Stars and Stripes unique reporting efforts is read now in digital form, either online at [stripes.com](http://stripes.com) or via mobile offerings for iPhone, Android and iPad, in over 200 countries around the world.

The print newspaper is still available for servicemembers, government civilians and their families in

Europe, the Middle East and the Pacific—and in contingency areas. Washington, D.C., hosts the Central office, where daily editions are transmitted to printers in Afghanistan, Qatar, Bahrain, Kuwait, and Djibouti, as well as in Germany, Italy, UK, Japan, and South Korea. Stars and Stripes also publishes several weeklies (Stripes Guam, Japan, Korea and Okinawa), designed to serve the

needs of their respective military communities.

A U.S. edition comprised exclusively of Stars and Stripes reports from around the world now serves stateside forces and veterans. The U.S. edition is published in partnership with commercial newspaper publishers who serve communities with large military populations.



## STARS AND STRIPES RECOGNIZED FOR EXCELLENCE

### 2015 Columbia Journalism School Dart Awards

Feature Story Reporting  
(Daily Circulation 1,500,000)  
Finalist: Martin Kuz: "Army Sgt. Isaac Sims left the war in Iraq, but it didn't leave him"

### 2014 Sigma Delta Chi Award – Feature Story Reporting

(Daily Circulation 1,500,000)  
Recipient: Martin Kuz: "Death shapes life for teens that prepare bodies of fallen troops for final flight home"

### 2014 VFW News Media Award

For outstanding contribution to a better understanding of our American way of life and its institutions and interests by honest and forthright reporting.

### 2013 Military Reporters and Editors Awards

Notable Narrative Winner  
Recipient: Laura Rauch

### 2013 Best American Newspaper Narrative Writing Contest

Notable Narrative Winner  
Recipient: Martin Kuz: "Soldiers Recount Attack"

### 2013 National Headline Awards

Second Place: News Series  
(Former After: A Warrior Wounded; A Family Challenged)

### 2011 Military Photographer of the Year

Honorable Mention  
Recipient: Joshua DeMott

### 2011 Sigma Delta Chi Award

Breaking News Photography  
(Newspaper Circulation 100,001+ or Affiliated Website/National Magazine) Recipient: Laura Rauch: "For those I love I will sacrifice"

### 2011 John Reagan "Tex" McCrary Award for Excellence in Journalism

Congressional Medal of Honor Foundation

### 2010 Military Reporters and Editors Awards

Awards – Overseas coverage  
( $< 100,000$  circulation)  
Recipient: Jon Rabirow

### 2010 National Headline Awards

First Place: Public Service (Forcing Change) – Third Place: News Series (Coming Home: The Men of Triple Deuce)

### 2009 George Polk Awards in Journalism

George Polk Award for Military Reporting  
Recipients: Charles Reed, Leo Shane III and Kevin Baron

### 2007 Military Reporters and Editors Awards

Awards – Overseas coverage  
( $< 100,000$  circulation)  
Recipient: Monte Morin

### 2006 Military Reporters and Editors Awards

Awards – Overseas coverage  
( $< 100,000$  circulation)  
Recipients: Monte Morin, Joe Giordano; Honorable mention: Nancy Montgomery Photography; Fred Zimmerman

### 2005 Military Reporters and Editors Awards

Awards – Overseas coverage  
( $< 100,000$  circulation)  
Recipient: Steve Lewis Photography; Terry Boyd

### 2004 American Legion Excellence in Journalism Award

Ground Truth Hero

### 2003 Scripps Howard Foundation National Journalism Award

First Amendment, Finalist



## WORLD

# Diplomacy, tough talk at Olympics

By KIM GAMEL  
Stars and Stripes

SEOUL, South Korea — North Korea leader Kim Jong Un's sister joined South Korea's president at a concert Sunday as she wound up a whirlwind round of Olympic diplomacy capped by an invitation to hold the first summit between the two adversaries in over a decade.

While the two Koreas were all smiles during meetings on the sidelines of the Winter Games, Vice President Mike Pence vowed to maintain the U.S. administration's policy of "maximum diplomatic and economic pressure" against the North.

He also insisted Washington was on the same page with its allies, saying "there is no daylight between the United States, the Republic of Korea and Japan on the need to continue to isolate North Korea economically and diplomatically until they abandon their nuclear ballistic missile program."

But his tough talk was largely overshadowed by the powerful image of athletes from both Koreas marching together under a unified flag and North Korean cheerleaders rooting for a combined women's hockey team, even though it was routed 8-0 by Switzerland in its first game Saturday.

Many observers agreed the North had won this round in the propaganda battle, but many hurdles lie ahead before a lasting solution is reached.

Kim Yo Jong, the North Korean leader's younger sister, and the other North Korean delegates, led by head of state Kim Jong Nam, 90, were feted at a lunch with South Korea's prime minister Sunday before sitting next to South Korean President Moon Jae-in at the concert by North Korea's Samjiyon Orchestra in Gangneung, a city that is co-hosting the Olympics.

The North Koreans were to fly back to Pyongyang later Sunday on a private jet, wrapping up a three-day trip.

Kim Yo Jong delivered a letter from her brother during a meeting with Moon on Saturday. She said her brother would like to meet Moon "in the near future and would like to ask President Moon to visit North Korea at his earliest convenience," according to the Blue House.

Moon responded by saying he hopes the right environment will be created so the meeting between the two leaders could occur, an



BEE JAE-MAN, YONHAP/AP

South Korean singer Seo Hyun, bottom center, sings "Our Wish Is Unification" with singers from North Korea's Samjiyon Orchestra during a performance in Seoul, South Korea.

apparent reference to demands by the U.S. and other allies that the North abandon its nuclear weapons program.

He also called on the North to resume dialogue with the United States, but the behavior of the North Koreans and the Americans toward each other at the Olympics opening ceremony Friday in Pyeongchang illustrated the difficulties that lie ahead.

North Korea has a track record of reaching out in talks following previous crises on the divided peninsula only to pull out after wrestling concessions and aid from the West, and analysts cautioned the rapprochement with the South may be short-lived.

The communist state has test-fired numerous missiles, including three ICBMs, in recent months and conducted its sixth and most powerful nuclear test Sept. 3, prompting the U.N. Security Council to impose its toughest sanctions yet in a bid to get the North to stop.

President Donald Trump, meanwhile, stepped up his rhetoric against the North, calling Kim Jong Un "little rocket man" and promising to "totally destroy" North Korea if he needed to defend the United States and its allies.

Pence kept up the pressure ahead of the Olympics, frequently denouncing the North's record of human rights abuses to counter what he called Pyongyang's "propaganda charade."

White House officials and other critics believe North Korea is trying to use the international stage to gain sympathy and ease punishing economic sanctions and diplomatic pressure that are beginning to bite.

Pence, who left South Korea on Saturday, told reporters traveling with him that Moon had informed him about the meeting with North Korean officials.

"Both of us reiterated to each other tonight

that we will continue to stand strong and work in a coordinated way to bring maximum economic and diplomatic pressure to bear on North Korea," he said.

But the summit invitation offered an opening that may be too hard to resist for Moon, a liberal leader who took office in May promising to seek a peaceful resolution with the North.

Kim announced that his nuclear program, which the communist state claims is needed for self-defense, was complete even as he extended an olive branch to the South in his New Year's address by agreeing to participate in the Olympics.

Moon has expressed hope the détente could lead to a broader dialogue with the U.S. But the two sides rebuffed his efforts to organize a meeting between them during the games.

Instead, Pence arrived late to a reception for delegation leaders Friday and stayed for just five minutes — without interacting with the North Koreans. He then was stone-faced as he sat to the left of Moon in the VIP box at the opening ceremony while Kim Yo Jong smiled a row behind him, just a few feet away.

The two Koreas, which remain technically at war since their 1950-53 conflict ended in an armistice instead of a peace treaty, have had only two previous summits.

The most recent was in 2007 when then-South Korean President Roh Moo-hyun traveled to Pyongyang to meet with Kim Jong Il, the current leader's father.

South Korea's former leader, Kim Dae-jung, won a Nobel Prize for what was dubbed a "sunshine policy" with the North, held the first summit with Kim Jong Il in 2000 in Pyongyang.

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## Plane carrying 71 crashes near Moscow

MOSCOW — A Russian passenger plane believed to be carrying 71 people crashed Sunday afternoon near Moscow, shortly after takeoff from one of the city's airports. No survivors were immediately reported.

The An-148 regional jet disappeared from radar screens a few minutes after departing from Domodedovo Airport en route to the city of Omsk, some 1,000 miles southeast of Moscow. The plane reportedly belonged to Saratov Airlines, a Russian commercial carrier.

Plane fragments were found in the Ramenskoye area about 25 miles from the airport. Footage on state television showed them strewn across a snowy field with no buildings nearby. It was unclear if there were any casualties among people on the ground at the crash site.

Russia's Investigative Committee said all possible crash causes were being looked into.

Russia's state news agency Tass says the passenger plane crashed had been flying since 2010, with a two-year break because of a shortage of parts.

The plane was ordered by Rossiya Airlines, a subsidiary of Aeroflot, but was put into storage in 2015-17 because of a lack of parts.

## Indonesian police shoot man attacking church

SLEMAN, Indonesia — Police in Indonesia shot a sword-wielding man who attacked a church congregation during Sunday Mass, injuring four people, including a German priest.

The reason for the attack Sunday in Sleman district in Yogyakarta province was not immediately clear. The 22-year-old attacker decapitated statues of Jesus and the Virgin Mary during the incident, photos showed.

Video shows people in the church throwing books at the man as he lunged toward them with his sword. Witnesses and police said the injured included a police officer who tried to subdue the attacker and the church's priest, Karl Edmund Priester, 81, a longtime resident of Indonesia. The suffered back, neck and head wounds and are in stable condition.

## Tiger cub found in jail by Mexican inspectors

MEXICO CITY — Mexican inspectors have found tigers in all sorts of situations on seashores, in neighbors' yards and wandering the streets.

But the office for environmental protection announced a new twist Wednesday: Someone tried to express-mail a tiger cub.

The cub was sedated and packed into a plastic container. Nobody realized it was there until a sniffer dog looking for contraband detected it.

The cub was mailed in the western state of Jalisco to an address in the central state of Queretaro. It was dehydrated but otherwise well, and was handed over to an animal management center.

From The Associated Press

# Iran marks anniversary of Islamic Revolution

By NASSER KARIMI  
Associated Press

TEHRAN, Iran — Hundreds of thousands of Iranians rallied on the streets Sunday to mark the 39th anniversary of the 1979 Islamic Revolution, just weeks after anti-government protests rocked cities across the country.

Demonstrators burned American and Israeli flags as well as images of President Donald Trump, whose refusal to recertify the nuclear deal with world powers has riled Iranians.

Such activities commonly mark the anniversary, which commemorates the overthrow of U.S.-

backed Iranian Shah Mohammad Reza Pahlavi. That began a period of hostilities between Iran and the West, including an attack on the U.S. Embassy in Tehran and the subsequent hostage crisis.

However, President Hassan Rouhani called for unity among Iran's people across its political spectrum.

"When the Revolution took place, we pushed some off the revolutionary train that we should have not," Rouhani told a massive crowd at Tehran's central Azadi Square. "Today, we have to let them board the train again."

Rouhani didn't specifically name those pushed aside, though

the Islamic Revolution and its aftermath saw the Islamists surrounding Ruhollah Khomeini purge liberals, communists and others. More recently, Iran has put leaders of its 2009 Green Movement under house arrest, where they remain today.

The comments appeared aimed as being a salvo following a New Year marked by anti-government protests. The demonstrations initially focused on Iran's poor economy despite the nuclear deal, but quickly spiraled into chants of quickly challenging Iran's theocratic government.

In his speech, Rouhani promised more job opportunities and

## WORLD

## Russia scrubs cargo ship launch to ISS

MOSCOW — Russia has scrubbed the planned launch of an unmanned cargo spacecraft that was to have delivered tons of supplies to the International Space Station.

Preparations for the launch of the Progress ship from the Baikonur complex in Kazakhstan appeared to be proceeding smoothly Sunday until less than a minute before the liftoff.

Roscosmos, the Russian space agency, said the launch was halted after an automated command and the reason for the command was under investigation. It said the launch is rescheduled for Tuesday.

## Kenya opposition urged to recognize Kenyatta

NAIROBI, Kenya — Eleven western envoys, including those from the U.S. and Britain, are urging Kenya's opposition leader to recognize President Uhuru Kenyatta as the country's legitimately elected leader.

In a statement issued Sunday, the diplomats said Odinga needs to accept Kenyatta is president "as the basis for the dialogue that it and many Kenyans want." Opposition leader Raila Odinga held a mock inauguration last week in which he wore a mask and called himself "the people's president." The government reacted by shutting down some broadcasters and arresting some participants.

Odinga charges he was cheated of victory in the August election by hackers who altered the vote. Kenya's Supreme Court nullified that election after Odinga challenged Kenyatta's win. The court ordered a fresh election, which Odinga boycotted, saying significant electoral reforms were needed.

## Militants attack Indian army base in Kashmir

JAMMU, India — Shooting between soldiers and militants holed up inside an army camp in Indian-controlled Kashmir has left at least five soldiers and one civilian dead, officials said Sunday.

The fighting, which began at dawn Saturday when the militants stormed the Sunjuwan army base on the outskirts of the city of Jammu, continued into Sunday as militants seized the region's top police official, S.P. Vaid. At least 11 people were injured.

Security forces were sweeping through the camp slowly because soldiers and their families live there, Vaid said. It was unclear how many militants were involved in the attack.

## Convicted terrorist in Greece returns to jail

ATHENS, Greece — Dimitris Koufodinas, a convicted terrorist and member of Greece's most notorious terrorist group, 17 November, has returned to prison after a 48-hour furlough, his second overall.

Koufodinas, 60, arrived at Athens' Korydallos prison about 30 minutes before the 48 hours expired, accompanied by his wife and son. He greeted the waiting media but made no statement.

From The Associated Press



PHOTOS BY APPLE DAILY/AP

Emergency crews work to try to remove injured passengers from a double-decker bus that crashed in a Hong Kong suburb Saturday.

## 19 killed in Hong Kong bus crash

By KELVIN CHAN  
Associated Press

HONG KONG — A double-decker bus lost control and crashed in a Hong Kong suburb Saturday evening, killing 19 people and injuring dozens more, authorities in the southern Chinese city said.

Local media reports said the bus tipped over, and quoted passengers as saying it was full and traveling very fast.

Police said they are investigating and have arrested the driver on dangerous driving charges.

The crash left 15 men and four women dead and sent more than 60 others to a hospital.

Photos and videos published by local media or posted on social media showed the bus lying on its side while emergency workers treat injured passengers.

TV channels broadcast footage of rescuers cutting open the roof of the bus, operated by the Kowloon Motor Bus Co., and bodies of



Emergency workers tend to injured passengers from the bus crash that killed 19 people and injured dozens more.

passengers laid out on the ground, covered in white sheets.

Multiple passengers interviewed by the TVB and Cable TV news channels said the bus was speeding. The passengers were

not identified by name.

The South China Morning Post newspaper said it was the Asian financial center's deadliest traffic accident since a 2003 bus crash killed 21 people.

## Knife attacker kills 1 in Beijing

Associated Press

BEIJING — A man with a personal grievance attacked 13 people with a knife in a busy shopping mall in Beijing on Sunday, killing one, police said.

A woman died from her injuries after being sent to a hospital, the city's Public Security Bureau said in a brief statement on its official microblog page. The 12 other victims in the attack suffered injuries that were not life-threatening, it said.

Police provided only the alleged assailant's surname, Zhu, 35, and said he confessed to authorities that he carried out the attack at Joy City, a mall in Beijing's Xidan district, to "vent his personal discontent." Video clips posted on Chinese social media sites showed mall patrons fleeing from what was described as a restaurant on the sixth story.

One clip showed a man staggering out, apparently hurt from the attack, dripping blood on the floor as a security guard rushed to help him. Other clips showed people being rushed away on gurneys and a large number of uniformed police in the mall.

In one piece of footage that appeared to be surveillance video of a restaurant, a man could be seen lunging at someone seated at a table with what appeared to be a knife. People scrambled to get away, flipping tables and pushing chairs at the man. The video could not be independently verified.

Perpetrators of similar attacks in the past have been described as mentally ill or bearing grudges against society.

## India, China vie for power amid political crisis in Maldives

By MUNEZA NAQVI  
Associated Press

NEW DELHI — As a political crisis plays out in the Maldives, a quiet tug of war is taking place around it, with heavyweights China and India vying for strategic dominance in the picturesque Indian Ocean nation.

At first glance, Beijing and New Delhi would not part in the turmoil that erupted Feb. 1 when the Maldives' Supreme Court overturned the convictions of several opposition politicians, including the president's main rival, Chinese and Indian officials spoke in normal diplomatic tones, saying they

have no interest in interfering in the archipelago's internal affairs. But in reality, both have strategic regional interests to safeguard and are jostling for the upper hand.

President Abdulla Yameen imposed a state of emergency last week and arrested two Supreme Court judges. His actions fueled suspicion that he intends to tighten his hold on power ahead of this year's elections.

His most powerful opponent, exiled former President Mohamed Nasheed, appealed to India to send troops to end the crisis.

Traditionally, the archipelago has been firmly in New Delhi's sphere of influence. But Yameen

has rolled back many of Nasheed's democratic gains, with all of his potential political opponents either jailed or in exile.

His government has curbed freedom of speech and assembly, with heavy fines imposed on journalists and social media users found guilty of defamation.

China has seen the developments as an opening. When Yameen visited Beijing in December, the two countries signed a free trade agreement that eliminates most tariffs on Maldivian exports and opens the island nation to Chinese goods and services.

On Friday, India's Ministry of External Affairs issued a care-

fully worded statement aimed at China. "We note that China has said that Maldives Government has the ability to protect the security of Chinese personnel and institutions in Maldives. We hope that all countries can play a constructive role in Maldives, instead of doing the opposite," the statement said.

"India is in a very difficult position," said David Brewster, an expert on Indian Ocean strategic affairs at the National Security College in Canberra, Australia. "India's primary concern is not to restore democracy but rather to reduce China's influence in the country."



# AMERICAN ROUNDUP

## Woman sneezes, crashes into semi

**ND** EDGELEY — Authorities said a sneeze sent a North Dakota woman into a crash with a semitrailer.

The Highway Patrol said Michele Eckmann, 44, of LaMoure, was traveling north on Highway 281 Friday afternoon when she sneezed, causing her SUV to drift into the southbound lane and the truck's path.

The semi driver tied to avoid the collision, but the SUV struck the tanker trailer loaded with gasoline before coming to rest in the center of the road. The truck driver maintained control as the rig entered the ditch.

KQDJ reported Eckmann was taken to a Jamestown hospital. The truck driver, from Aberdeen, S.D., was not hurt. No gas was spilled from the tanker.

## Professor: Australia isn't a country

**NH** MANCHESTER — An online adjunct professor incorrectly told a student that Australia isn't a country and gave her a failing grade, prompting Southern New Hampshire University to replace the instructor.

Buzzfeed News reported that the 27-year-old student in Idaho was assigned to compare American social norms to those of another country. She chose to study social media use in Australia, but the professor gave her a zero on that portion of the assignment, saying Australia is a continent, not a country. Australia is both a country and a continent.

University officials told WMUR-TV the instructor has been replaced following an investigation.

## Thief asks owner for help restarting SUV

**MN** SARTELL — It didn't take police long to catch up with a suspect in the theft of a woman's SUV from the Wal-Mart parking lot in Sartell.

Authorities said the Sauk Centre man took the Jeep Grand Cherokee left running in the parking lot Monday and drove to Isle, about an hour away. Police said a woman later called the vehicle's owner and said a man was asking questions about the SUV. She put the man on the phone with the owner and he said he was with an auto glass company and repaired the vehicle and just needed to get it started again.

WJON reported the man gave the owner an address where On-Star could find the vehicle and start it. Isle police went to the address and arrested the man on suspicion of stealing the SUV.

## Stranger accused of spanking boy, 2

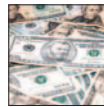
**GA** NEWNAN — Police said a stranger spanked a man's 2-year-old son at a grocery store in Georgia when the toddler kept asking his dad for a candy bar.

A Newnan police report says Juan Martinez, 62, was arrested Tuesday night. Police said Mar-

## THE CENSUS

# \$500K

The amount of money fraud prosecutors estimate an Arizona man scammed from consumers by operating a fake magazine-subscription company, Raheem Oliver, 38, of Phoenix, pleaded guilty Feb. 5 in federal court in Alexandria, Va., to fraud conspiracy charges. He admitted preying on elderly consumers, demanding large payments for supposedly overdue magazine subscriptions. Oliver will be sentenced in June.



DIRK SHADO, TAMPA BAY (FLA.) TIMES/AP

## Sand man

Richie Watkins, 51, with the City of St. Petersburg Parks and Recreation Athletics Department, prepares the softball fields for recreational leagues Tuesday at Woodlawn Park in St. Petersburg, Fla. Watkins used his time Tuesday to spike and hand-rake the fields before putting down the bases and the lines between league seasons.

tinez smelled like alcohol and slurred his speech.

The 2-year-old's father, James Morris, told The Newnan Times-Herald his son was asking him for a candy bar in the store's check-out line when Martinez slapped his son's hand and bottom. Morris said his son was not hurt.

Police said Martinez was arrested on charges including battery and obstruction.

## Hiker who disappeared finds way out of woods

**KY** LANCASTER — A woman who went missing during a hike in central Kentucky found her way out of the woods nearly two days later.

Jessica Burk said she found a road Friday morning and made her way to a building in the Tom Dorman State Nature Preserve.

News outlets reported Burk got lost when her boyfriend left her on a trail Wednesday. When he came back, she had walked away. He searched for hours before calling police.

News video of Burke after she was found Friday morning showed her in good spirits, with no apparent injuries.

## Sterilized woman gets reduced sentence

**OK** OKLAHOMA CITY — An Oklahoma woman convicted of using a counterfeit check received a reduced sentence after getting medically sterilized at the suggestion of the judge.

The Oklahoman reported U.S. District Judge Stephen Friot showed leniency to Summer Thyme Creel, 34, during sentencing Thursday because she had surgery to prevent pregnancies. Friot had suggested the medical procedure in June, noting that Creel had relinquished her parental rights to six of her seven children.

Creel was sentenced to a year in federal prison and three years on supervised release and ordered to pay more than \$15,200 in restitution.

Creel pleaded guilty last year to using a counterfeit check at a Walmart in Moore in 2014. She faced a maximum 10 years in prison.

## Firefighters rescue hurt cat from icy river

**KS** WICHITA — Firefighters rescued an injured

cat from an icy river in downtown Wichita after the animal apparently was thrown off an overpass.

The Wichita Eagle reported that a motorist spotted the black cat Thursday afternoon and called 911. Wichita Fire Lt. Kenneth Ast said the cat was sitting on ice in the middle of the Arkansas River when crews arrived.

Fire Capt. Neko McBee said the ice "was starting to crack" when rescuers in wetsuits and an inflated boat reached the animal.

The animal rescue group Beauties and Beasts has dubbed the cat "River" and said on Facebook that he sustained "severe" injury to his rear legs.

## Scientist shot in head in dispute in highway

**NM** SANTA FE — A scientist's father said his son is recovering from surgery after being shot in the head in an apparent road rage incident.

The Santa Fe New Mexican reported the Santa Fe County Sheriff's Office said no arrest had been made as of Feb. 5.

The police report says the victim, a Los Alamos National Laboratory scientist, was driving behind

a Jeep when the vehicle braked several times. The victim slowed down.

The report says the driver of the Jeep then pulled over at an intersection, waited for the victim and got back onto the highway behind the victim's vehicle.

The victim said the driver pulled up next to his vehicle and he heard two loud pops. Authorities said a CAT scan showed a bullet between the victim's scalp and skull.

## Pickup leaves road, hits man in driveway

**MA** CANTON — Police are investigating after a pickup truck left the road in a Boston suburb, crossed two lawns and struck a man standing in his driveway.

Officers were called to High Street in Canton around 11:15 a.m. Saturday. The man who was struck was seriously injured and taken to Boston Medical Center.

The driver of the pickup truck was not injured and stayed at the scene. Police said they are still determining whether any criminal charges will be filed.

From wire reports



## FACES



## 'Office' actress a mom in film, upcoming sitcom

By RICK BENTLEY  
Tribune News Service

**O**ver the next two months, Jenna Fischer will be playing moms in two very different projects.

First up is the Clint Eastwood film, "The 15:17 to Paris," where she plays the mother of Army National Guard Spc. Alek Skarlatos, one of the three Americans who stop a terrorist plot aboard a train in France. The production, based on the true events that happened in 2015, features the three men who stop the attack playing themselves in the movie.

In March, Fischer stars in the new ABC comedy, "Splitting Up Together," where she and her husband (Oliver Hudson) decide to divorce but will live in the same home (one in a converted garage) so they can trade off taking care of their three young children on a weekly basis. The comedy is based on a Danish series of the same name.

Fischer, who talks about both projects at an ABC party, describes working with Eastwood as being everything she expected. The Oscar-winning director is known for how quickly he works, the confidence he's willing to show in his cast and the care he has for the crew.

"Every story you have heard about working for Clint Eastwood is absolutely true," Fischer says.

"He's prepared. He's efficient. He's inspirational. He gives great acting notes. It's crazy that his crew has been working with him so long they have a shorthand so the day goes by very quickly."

Fischer points out that on an average film set, the crew will generally arrive at 7 a.m. with the actors getting to work two hours before that to go through the hair, makeup and wardrobe process. That starts a workday that can be 12-15 hours. The crew on an Eastwood movie arrives at 10 a.m. and the day is done by 4-5 p.m.

The key Fischer learned early is when you work for Eastwood, you show up prepared because there isn't a lot of time to deal with mistakes or misuses.

Technically, Fischer could play the mother of a young soldier, but she would have had to have given birth at a young age. Her casting fits because much of the movie shows the early years of the three friends and what helped instill in them the qualities they needed to be able to risk their lives to stop the threat. She calls the movie inspirational.

It's easier to imagine Fischer as the mom of three young children, as in the case of "Splitting Up Together." Part of that comes from her being the mother of two who are under the age of 8. Working on a television series gives her a chance to be at home more than when on location with a movie, plus it's the format where she feels the most comfortable.

"I think there is something about the single-camera, being able to get intimate with you that works a little better with what I do," Fischer says.

# Fischer

## GETS maternal



Top: Jenna Fischer in "The 15:17 to Paris." Above: Fischer and Oliver Hudson play a divorcing couple in TV's "Splitting Up Together."

She showed her ability with a single-camera for eight seasons playing Pam Beesley on NBC's "The Office." She picked up an Emmy nomination for Best Supporting Actress in a comedy series. Since the series ended, Fischer starred in the off-Broadway production of Neil LaBute's play "Reasons to Be Happy" with Josh Hamilton, Leslie Bibb and Fred Weller, plus wrote "The Actor's Life," a book about her experiences in becoming an actor.

Fischer's additional film credits include "The Giant Mechanical Man," "A Little Help," "Hall Pass," "Solitary Man," "Walk Hard: The Dewey Cox Story" and "Blades of Glory." On TV, she was seen in "The Mysteries of Laura" and "You, Me and the Apocalypse."

None of that work has earned her as much attention as her days on "The Office." That was one reason Fischer worked on movies and did a variety of smaller roles on TV shows before committing to starring in another series.

"I wanted to get some distance from 'The Office' before taking on another big job. And then there was just something about this script that spoke to me. That's kind of what I look for in a project: Do I see myself in this person that I have the possibility to play?" Fischer says. "I'm a wife and a mother now, and I feel like I'm going to get to express this whole other part of my personality, the part of my personality that likes to make lists and anticipate things a week in advance."

Fischer loves the new series, but has trouble believing anyone would find happiness in giving up their children every other week. The one thing Fischer loves more than acting is being a parent. The most she will concede is everybody can use a little break now and then.

How much her character gets a break is to be seen. In "Splitting Up Together," Fischer's part of the couple is the one who is more dependable, and a lot of the storylines will come out of how she deals with her soon-to-be ex-husband.

"She has a hard time letting go," Fischer says. "She claims that she wants him to help out around the house but as soon as he tries to help out, she takes over and does it for him. She wants it her way, so she is going to do it."

"When she is forced to let him to deal with the kids, it really turns out to be a good thing."

## Surprising lessons learned from 'Fifty Shades' trilogy

By STEPHANIE MERRY  
The Washington Post

We've finally come to the end of the road with the "Fifty Shades" series, the trilogy of movies — based on E.L. James's best-selling "Twilight" fan fiction — which has earned nearly \$1 billion so far at the box office with its titillating promise of S&M-tinted erotica.

The final installment, "Fifty Shades Freed," the weakest of the movies, was released Friday, and it will no doubt still rake in money from female audiences looking for Galentine's Day amusement. One last time, they'll be able to see Anastasia Steele (Dakota Johnson) explore, with wide-eyed alarm, the various gadgets that her now-husband Christian Grey (Jamie Dornan) keeps in his "playroom" for sexy time.

And what, if anything, have we learned from this trilogy? A few surprisingly important lessons.

**Audiences were here for this.** It feels like beating the same old drum to say — once again — that women buy movie tickets and that studios would be wise to cater to them more often, but here we are. "Fifty Shades of Grey" was yet another example of the female demographic boosting box office. When the movie came out in February 2015, it made \$85 million in its opening weekend, more than double what the heavily marketed, more dude-centric action flick, "Mission: Impossible — Secret Service" earned. "Fifty Shades" went on to pull in \$571 million worldwide, which is quite something for a movie with a \$40 million budget.

**Dakota Johnson can act.** Nepotism is an epidemic in Hollywood, which means there are loads of people who aren't entirely qualified for their high-profile acting/writing/fill-in-the-blank gigs, but beat out more talented commoners, anyway.

When Johnson was cast in "Fifty Shades of Grey," the actress hadn't done much outside of bit parts and a failed sitcom, although she had a pedigree: She's the daughter of Melanie Griffith and Don Johnson. It seemed like



Universal Pictures

Dakota Johnson and Jamie Dornan in "Fifty Shades Freed."

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a gamble to cast her in such a prominent role, but she turns out to be one of the movies' greatest assets, bringing a down-to-earth vibe to her scenes despite whatever outlandish things are unfolding around her. Even within the constraints of more maudlin scripts during the second and third installments, she brought humor to the movies.

That was a herculean task, considering how bad the dialogue could be, and Dornan couldn't quite muster it. Although he's been terrific in other roles, especially in the series "The Fall," he never managed to elevate his character beyond slightly stalkerish, entirely wooden eye candy (with some admittedly impressive pomel horse skills).

**There's no bad time to release a movie.**

The early part of the year is a wasteland at the theaters. The summer months offer a plethora of action blockbusters and, between Halloween and Christmas, we're bombarded by awards hopefuls. But January and February promise little more than the dreags that didn't make the cut the previous year.

That's pretty shortsighted considering that people want entertainment all year long, and the success of "Fifty Shades" speaks to that. The movies were all wisely pegged to Valentine's Day, making them perfect for a date night for kink-curious couples or women looking for some steamy amusement.

## YouTube suspends ads from Paul's channels

Logan Paul claimed to have learned from his mistakes — but he just keeps screwing up. The 22-year-old decided to take action after the internet personality received immense backlash for posting a video of a suicide victim in his vlog last month and took a break only to return to the site with a video of him stunning dead rats with a Taser.

The single-based company announced on Twitter that they would suspend the 22-year-old's payments.

"After careful consideration, we have decided to temporarily suspend ads on Logan Paul's YouTube channels," the company said in a statement to The Verge.

"This is not a decision we made lightly, however, we believe he

has exhibited a pattern of behavior in his videos that makes his channel not only unsuitable for advertisers but also potentially damaging to the broader creator community."

According to social media data site, Social Blade, Paul's 15.2 million subscribers earn him up to \$14.3 million per year and approximately \$1.2 million per month based on the common ad rates for YouTube channels.

After coming under fire for posting the video of a suicide victim in Japan's "suicide forest," Paul published a video where he urged survivors of suicide attempts and experts from suicide prevention groups. He then posted the rat video just days later.

From the New York Daily News

## BUSINESS/WEATHER

# Length of stock plunge will determine its effects

By CHRISTOPHER RUGABER  
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The tumble in U.S. stock prices has inflicted psychological pain and financial losses — at least on paper — for people with a meaningful stake in the market. Their anxiety conjures another fear, too: that consumers and businesses might slash their spending in response.

Consumers are the engine of U.S. economic growth, so any sharp pullback in their spending would hurt. Could the result be a weaker economy and lost jobs?

So far, at least, there's little sign that the correction in the Dow Jones industrial average — it dropped 10 percent from its peak late last month — will squeeze the economy. After rallying by the time the market closed Friday, the Dow is still about 50 percent above where it was after its last correction in February 2016. Most

economists see the current drop as an inevitable result of stocks' rapid ascent since then. And few think most investors are about to curb their spending.

Market declines that do end up derailed an economy are typically triggered by financial imbalances — unsustainable debt, for example, which ignited the Great Recession in 2007. Americans haven't taken on nearly as much debt as they did before the financial crisis. Banks have more cash in reserve. Regulations have reduced the kind of high-risk mortgage lending that fed the 2008 financial crisis. Corporate profits are strong and growing.

"The economy looks quite resilient to this type of relatively modest shock," said Gregory Daco, chief U.S. economist at Oxford Economics.

Referring to the stock market's swoon Daco said: "We might be seeing a more normal evolution

of things. Ups and downs are not atypical."

Still, if stocks should fall into "bear market" territory — defined as 20 percent below recent peaks — or plateau for months without any real gain, the economy would face greater risks.

Consumer confidence would likely suffer. Diminished household confidence tends, over time, to slow growth. Americans are collectively far more likely to spend more — especially for costly purchases like homes, cars and vacations — when their household wealth is stable or growing and they're optimistic about their financial future.

Confidence among consumers and businesses jumped after President Donald Trump's election and reached a 17-year high in November. Stock prices rose, and so did consumer spending.

What economists call the "wealth effect" is the phenom-

enon that occurs when growing home values and stock prices make people feel richer and more secure. Households tend to spend down some of that wealth, thereby boosting the economy.

Conversely, when household wealth shrinks significantly, the reverse tends to occur: People, feeling less confident about their finances, usually spend less.

One trend that may shield the broader economy this time is that, according to many analysts, the wealth effect is smaller than it was before the recession. A key reason is that Americans have been a bit more frugal for the past decade, with many regarding their housing or stock market wealth as more ephemeral.

Since the recession, consumer spending has grown about one penny for each dollar of additional stock market and housing wealth down from 3.5 cents before the downturn — said Michael Feroli,

an economist at JPMorgan Chase. As a result, spending might not fall as much this time.

Even if the wealth effect is less pronounced, it still has an impact. The sharp rise in share values in the past year — before the past week's correction — added about \$8 trillion in household wealth. Even if just one penny of every dollar of that gain were spent, it would translate into \$80 billion, or about one-quarter of the overall increase in consumer spending in 2017, Feroli said. A reversal of that trend could pinch the economy.

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Military rates	
Euro costs (Feb. 12)	\$1.2596
Dollar buys (Feb. 12)	69.7939
British pound (Feb. 12)	\$1.43
Japanese yen (Feb. 12)	107.00
South Korean won (Feb. 12)	1,067.00
Commercial rates	
Bahrain (Dinar)	0.3769
British pound	\$1.3815
Canada (Dollar)	1.2587
China (Yuan)	6.3018
Denmark (Krone)	6.0720
Egypt (Pound)	17.6850
Euro	\$1.2258/0.8158
Hong Kong (Dollar)	7.8188
Hungary (Forint)	254.45
Israel (Shekel)	3.5242
Japan (Yen)	108.91
Kuwait (Dinar)	0.3002
Norway (Krone)	7.9713
Philippines (Peso)	51.63
Poland (Zloty)	3.41
Saudi (Riyal)	3.7500
Singapore (Dollar)	1.3283
South Korea (Won)	1,085.95
Switzerland (Franc)	0.9387
Thailand (Baht)	31.74
Turkey (Lira)	3.8192

(Military exchange rates are those available to customers at military banking facilities in the country of issuance for Japan, South Korea, Germany, the Netherlands and the United Kingdom. For nonmilitary currency exchange rates (i.e., purchasing British pounds in Germany), check with your local military banking facility. Commercial rates are interbank rates provided for reference when buying currency. All figures are foreign currencies to one dollar, except for the Irish pound, which is represented in dollars-to-pound, and the euro, which is dollars-to-euro.)

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Prime rate	4.50
Discount rate	2.00
Federal funds market rate	1.42
3-month bill	1.52
30-year bond	3.17

## Equifax hack put more at risk than consumers knew

By SARAH SKIDMORE SELL  
Associated Press

The Equifax data breach exposed more of consumers' personal information than the company first disclosed last year, according to documents given to lawmakers.

The credit reporting company announced in September that the personal information of 145.5 million consumers had been compromised in a data breach. It originally said the information accessed included names, Social Security numbers, birth dates, addresses and — in some cases — driver's license numbers and credit card numbers.

However, Atlanta-based Equifax Inc. recently disclosed in a document submitted to the Senate Banking Committee that a forensic investigation found criminals accessed other information from company records. Accord-

ing to the document, provided to The Associated Press by Sen. Elizabeth Warren's office, that included tax identification numbers, email addresses and phone numbers. Finer details, such as the expiration dates for credit cards or issuing states for driver's licenses, were also included in the list.

Equifax's disclosure, which it has not made directly to consumers, underscores the depth of detail the company keeps on individuals that it may have put at risk. And it adds to the string of missteps the company has made in recovering from the security debacle.

Equifax spokeswoman Meredith Griffanti said that "in no way did we intend to mislead consumers." The company last year disclosed only the information that affected the greatest number of consumers and wanted to "act with the greatest clarity" in terms of the informa-

tion provided the committee, she said.

Griffanti also said that while the list provided to the committee includes all the potential data points that may have been accessed by criminals, those elements affected a minimal portion of consumers. And some data — like passport numbers — were not stolen. The company reiterated that the total number of consumers affected is unchanged.

Equifax waited months to disclose the hack. After it did, anxious consumers experienced jammed phone lines and uninformed company representatives. An Equifax website set up to help people determine their exposure was described as sketchy by security experts and provided inconsistent and unhelpful information to many. The company blamed the online customer help page's problems on a vendor's software code after it appeared that it had been hacked as well.

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## OPINION

## Trump's desire for a parade is not unique

By DAVID FITZGERALD  
Special to The Washington Post

News that President Donald Trump has ordered the Department of Defense to plan a large military parade in Washington this year has generated a new wave of concern over Trump's authoritarian instincts, especially given the huge costs of such an overt display of martial power. But the president's desire for a large display of military might is not unique to Donald Trump. In fact, it is merely the culmination of the American public's decadeslong, uncritical embrace of the all-volunteer force.

This phenomenon, which began gathering pace in the decades after the Vietnam War, reached a crucial turning point in summer 1991, the last time the streets of Washington hosted a large military parade. These celebrations shamed not only the relationship between American society and its military in the long years of the "War on Terror," but also the faded Trump of the early 1990s, who once embraced the military as a particular brand of patriotism.

Millions of Americans turned out to rejoice in the victory over Iraq and to venerate their armed forces as heroes. Gallup pollsters in the aftermath of the war showed that the military had become the most trusted institution in the country, a position it still holds, and politicians were quick to embrace the celebrations as an opportunity to advance their policy agendas.

The buildup to war with Iraq in 1991 saw a huge upsurge in support for the troops. Americans proudly displayed yellow ribbons everywhere from their front yards to their lapels. The streets of cities were crisscrossed with packages and letters to soldiers stationed in the Persian Gulf. And the entertainment industry also pitched in — from the Voices That Care supergroup that cut a single aimed at boosting troop morale to Whitney Houston's flag-studded performance of the national anthem at the 1991 Super Bowl.

This wave of patriotism was grounded in the notion that, regardless of the politics of the war, U.S. soldiers must be supported loudly and publicly. Most important: The experience of the Vietnam veterans, who had faced scorn on their return from war, was not to be repeated.

Given this atmosphere, it is no surprise that even before the war ended, White House Chief of Staff John Sununu had a draft schedule of homecoming events on his desk, having received ideas on managing the celebrations from a Washington public relations firm Feb. 22, two days before the ground campaign started.

In the aftermath of victory, President George H.W. Bush's White House was inundated with advice from political operatives and supporters on how to make maximum political use of the impending victory celebrations, which could, in the words of one adviser, "openly solicit donations for 1991." Other politicians saw the victory as a way to unite the nation politically behind the president. House Minority Whip Newt Gingrich, R-Ga., urged Bush to use the volunteer ethos of the military to advance conservative policy ideas by urging Americans to "join in that volunteer army of freedom to make the 21st century the next American century."

Similarly, the public relations firm Hill and Knowlton, which had close ties to the Bush administration and the Kuwaiti government, suggested that Bush appoint Gen. Norman Schwarzkopf or Gen. Colin Powell to receive the "Operation Desert Storm" 100-day push to make the United States a "home for heroes" by passing the administration's domestic policy agenda. Other firms suggested having the Department of Defense handpick returning veterans to maintain and expand in a meaningful way the national sense of pride and accomplishment and good feeling generated by Operation



Courtesy photo

U.S. Army Gen. H. Norman Schwarzkopf, left, commander of U.S. Central Command; President George H.W. Bush, center left; first lady Barbara Bush, center right; and Vice President Dan Quayle, right, watch a parade from the reviewing stand during the National Victory Celebration in Washington on June 8, 1991. The event was held in honor of the liberation of Kuwait by coalition forces during Operation Desert Storm.

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Desert Storm." These volunteers would be carefully selected and receive media training before being sent out to various media markets to promote the administration's agenda.

The Pentagon was wary of linking the groundswell of support for the troops to the White House's agenda, however, urging, "Our role is to be responsive to what is clearly an outpouring of local, state- and national-level support, and to provide assistance and guidance."

Ultimately, the White House took the Pentagon's advice, taking a step back to allow others to run the homecoming celebrations. Through it all, the White House paid "particular attention to events that might offer political benefit to the administration." But politics took a back seat to patriotism. Rather than following Gingrich's advice, in his March 6, 1991, address to Congress, Bush called for "every community in this country to make this coming Fourth of July a day of special celebration for our returning troops. They may have missed Thanksgiving and Christmas, but I can tell you this: For them and for their families, we can make this a holiday they'll never forget."

Americans in big cities and small towns were quick to respond to Bush's request, and parade committees sprang up across the country. Although not centrally planned, these parades all echoed the themes the White House had identified even before the end of the war: heroic soldiers and veterans (including Vietnam veterans), the triumphs of U.S. technology and the strength of the all-volunteer military.

Virtually every major U.S. city hosted a victory parade. New York's celebration attracted at least 1 million spectators, while a large contingent of Vietnam veterans, led by Gen. William Westmoreland, marched in the Los Angeles event. The inclusion of Vietnam vets in the parades not only afforded them a belated welcome home but also underscored the administration's point that the victory in Kuwait had, in the words

of Bush, "kicked the Vietnam syndrome for once and for all."

The Washington parade took place June 8, 1991, and featured more than 8,000 troops led by Schwarzkopf. Planned by the Pentagon and paid for with U.S. tax dollars and private donations (including \$1 million from the Saudi and Kuwaiti governments), the parade focused not just on honoring the troops but celebrating the technology used to win the war. The parade featured a 12-minute fly-by of more than 80 aircraft led by a lone F-117 stealth fighter, an icon of the war, and 31 heavy military vehicles, including the M1A1 Abrams main battle tank and the Patriot missile system. Not only that, but seven blocks of the Mall were dedicated to what reporters jokingly called a "military petting zoo" displaying weaponry and equipment, even allowing visitors to try on gas masks or practice laying a howitzer on the Washington monument.

So Trump's desire to celebrate the power and achievements of the U.S. military is not new. But Trump would be advised to remember that these events do not always live up to official expectations. The 1991 parade in Washington, for all its pageantry, attracted about 200,000 spectators, far fewer than the 1 million that parade organizers had hoped for. The crowd featured a heavy contingent of federal employees and defense contractors, a group that one reporter observed was "tightly connected to the military and the bureaucracy, closer than most of the country to weapons and the workaday of war."

All told, though, the number of people who attended victory parades that summer reached into the millions, and the celebrations in some areas continued until September 1991, far outstripping the actual duration of the war itself. The parades gave U.S. citizens a chance to celebrate the troops, and in doing so allowed them to feel connected to their military without requiring any sacrifice or serious thought about war and its consequences.

In many ways, the cheering has not abated since, and some of the themes of these parades, such as the lauding of U.S. military technology, the all-volunteer force and — above all — the notion of the soldier as inherently heroic, have become a permanent feature of U.S. popular culture. Given this, it is perhaps not surprising that Trump wants a parade. Perhaps, instead, we should be surprised that there haven't been more national parades since 1991.

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## OPINION

## Fred Warmbier's compelling, confounding act

BY CHRISTINE EMBA  
The Washington Post.

American student Otto Warmbier was imprisoned in North Korea for a year and a half for trying to steal a poster. He finally was sent home in a coma and with severe brain damage, apparently sustained months earlier but left undisclosed by his jailers. Warmbier died six days after his return to the United States at age 22.

Now, another Warmbier has traveled to the Korean Peninsula — Otto's father, Fred, who last week attended the Opening Ceremonies of the Pyeongchang Winter Olympics in South Korea as a guest of Vice President Mike Pence.

It was a simultaneously compelling and confounding act. To return to the scene of such a loss in mourning, anger and defiance, to draw the world's eyes to the outrages that have taken place there. How painful. How brave. How ... risky.

The risk is not in what Fred Warmbier is doing by returning to Korea, but in how he may be seen. Otto's father may want his son to be a symbol. But the nature of his

escort risks turning him into a prop.

What's the difference? Symbols stand for something. Props are used by someone. And the Trump administration, which hosted Warmbier, is made up of shameless instrumentalists who have made clear that they stand for very little.

President Donald Trump is, of course, a master of staging, with a facility for props of all kinds. The commander in chief is a television personality game rogue, having leaptfrogged into our politics with his showman's skills (and few others) fully intact. His insistence on dramatics has swept up his closest associates — recall that Pence, once seen as the sober side of the ticket, starred in one of the most transparent political performances of the past year when he flew to Indianapolis for the purpose of walking out of an NFL game.

The State of the Union was the latest example of this Trumpian tendency, with citizen guests of honor deployed as stage dressing in support of Trump's otherwise absurd vendettas. Already, the families present are remembered less for what they might have hoped to stand for — the honor due military veterans, in the case

of 12-year-old flag bearer Preston Sharp, or children lost to gang violence, in the case of the grieving Cuevas and Mickens families — than the egregious uses Trump put them to: a rehabbing of an old grudge against peacefully protesting football players, an ugly characterization of immigrants as dangerous criminals.

The Warmbier family was at the State of the Union, too, along with Ji Seong-ho, a North Korean defector. With the lifting of his crutches into the air as the North Korean regime was denounced by the president, Ji did, at least for a moment, pull viewers away from the spectacle of Trump's self-applause and into a celebration of real determination and sacrifice in pursuit of freedom. The image was powerful, but afterward it was hard not to wonder about the substance. Trump's travel ban prevents future North Korean defectors from coming to the United States, even as he exhibits them to press his case.

In South Korea, Warmbier sat silently while the vice president lauded his wit-ness and refused potential opportunities to negotiate with the North Korean regime. He went largely unnoticed in a separate

box as Pence ostentatiously let an opportunity to speak directly to Kim Jong Un's powerful sister, Kim Yo Jong, pass him by. All strange, given that the administration has shown no qualms about engaging other perpetrators of human rights abuses — Philippines President Rodrigo Duterte, Egypt's President Abdel-Fattah el-Sissi, Turkey's President Recep Tayyip Erdogan, Russian President Vladimir Putin — around the world.

Warmbier's presence at the Opening Ceremonies could, like Ji's protest, have broken through the theatrics of the Trump delegation and stood as a symbol in and of itself. It could have served as a profound reminder to the world of the massive human rights abuses perpetrated by the North Korean regime. No doubt that's why he went, as a way to honor his lost son. "North Korea is not a victim. They're terrorists," Warmbier has said. This is a choice his family had every right to make.

But when we look at Warmbier, with Pence as his host, do we think about his son? Do we think of the tens of thousands languishing in Kim Jong Un's gulags? Or do we think about Trump?

## Commissary sales drop puts shopping benefit at risk

BY TOM PHILPOTT  
Special to Stars and Stripes

Sales at on-base grocery stores have fallen 6 percent in the past year, a 21 percent slide in 2017, putting the shopping benefit at greater risk, commissary executives say.

The worry is that falling sales leave commissaries open to criticism that they're losing relevancy as a military perk or becoming too costly for taxpayers to support, given the fierce competition for customers from commercial grocers.

The Defense Department's top two executives overseeing commissaries — one responsible for all military resale policies and the other for day-to-day operation of 237 commissaries worldwide — have conceded in separate interviews that falling sales are alarming and must be reversed.

But both also said they are confident current actions to transform commissaries into "businesslike" operations can succeed — in preserving current patron savings, lowering taxpayer support and improving shopper satisfaction.

The transformation steps include: phasing in variable pricing to replace the tradition of selling base groceries at a cost-plus-5-percent surcharge; offering commissary label goods to deepen discounts; and, in time, adopting at least for new hires the more flexible wage schedule used by military commissaries that run on a base department and convenience stores at a profit.

Leading commissary operations since November has been retired Navy Rear Adm. Robert J. Bianchi. He is interim director of the Defense Commissary Agency, which manages commissaries that run on the Navy Exchange Service Command.

"I have been charged with instituting reforms and procedures [to] drive down expenses, allow us to still offer the benefit at the prescribed level [of savings] Congress is looking for and, hopefully, offset those expenses by running the commissary more like a business," Bianchi said.

The first obstacle in his way, he suggested in an hourlong interview, is a "significant" drop in commissary sales, from \$6.1 billion in fiscal 2012 to \$4.8 billion in 2017. The sales slide has continued into fiscal 2018, though at a slower rate.

Resale experts agree it's a worrisome

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trend, particularly in an industry that keeps profit margins razor thin in their battle to keep customers.

"I'm very concerned," with falling sales, said Stephanie Barna, acting assistant secretary of defense for manpower and reserve affairs.

"Any drop, particularly a drop of the magnitude you've just described, there's not a day that goes by that we're not talking about it," Barna said. She counted on deep roots in the community, a factor he must weigh in deciding if he wants the DeCA job full time.

It was Barna who persuaded Bianchi to take on his demanding dual-hat assignment during the most challenging period commissaries have faced. The special hiring authority she used so Bianchi could apply to commissaries his profit-and-loss account from years running exchanges will expire in early June.

So sometime sooner than that, said Barna, Bianchi or a "Bianchi clone" will become full-time DeCA director. DeCA is headquartered at Fort Lee, Va. NexCom is in Virginia Beach, Va., where, Barna said, Bianchi has deep roots in the community, a factor he must weigh in deciding if he wants the DeCA job full time.

"I couldn't be happier with what Rob Bianchi is doing," Barna said. After only 90 days "I see a difference in the way the commissary is approaching the business. Rob is a businessman at core ... classically educated" with a master's in business from Harvard and "an incredible amount of experience managing a vast business enterprise."

Bianchi said he is encouraged that the rate of monthly sales declines has slowed compared with last year, the result he believes of a variety of actions to improve the shopping experience with fuller shelves, more customer-friendly hours and a workforce now more focused on patron needs.

Surveys show commissaries are the second-most valued benefit after health care, Barna said. Both the department and Congress want the benefit sustained.

At the same time, the department has set annual targets DeCA must hit to lower its appropriation from \$1.4 billion in 2017 to \$400 million by 2021. Military leaders have testified they want that billion dollars

in savings to be applied to more critical readiness needs.

DeCA's target for 2018 is to lower reliance on appropriated dollars by \$150 million, according to Barna. Bianchi didn't sound confident the goal would be met.

"How quickly dollars we're not using is really dependent on getting the variable pricing in place and increasing traffic and increasing sales so we can actually generate the margin," Bianchi said.

DeCA is transitioning to variable pricing to generate profit margins that will offset appropriated dollars. "But we're not there yet," he said. "So we are still fully funded as an appropriated activity."

Falling sales toughen the task and "probably puts the benefit more at risk," Bianchi said, raising concerns at the Defense Department and in Congress about the value of the benefit.

"That's clearly a concern, that 'Gee, if patrons aren't using it, is that something we should still be funding?'" Bianchi said.

Days after his interview, Barna provided a statement on budget targets DeCA must meet. It said that given "additional funding" to help with private label, and other budget strategies, they are confident in meeting the [fiscal year 2018] target. The cuts become more challenging in [fiscal year 2019] and beyond, and the need to generate additional revenue will become more critical."

Barna also cited a host of factors to explain falling sales: cuts to Army end strength, some of which Congress plans to reverse; the closing of more bases in Germany; more servicemembers living off base; and fewer members being married.

But he spent far more time describing the "amped-up" rivalry for patrons with commercial grocers and online shopping sites. Shopper choices have expanded beyond traditional supermarkets to include deep discounters such as Aldi and Lidl and natural food markets such as Whole Foods and Fresh Market.

"You've also got growth in the overall shopping experience at grocery markets where you can get meal kits or pre-prepared foods or fresh and organics," Bianchi said. "You go into some of these, and see millennials eating dinner. At some of Whole Foods you can sit and get a glass of wine."

More competition comes from "online

retailers such as Blue Apron and Amazon, with acquisition of Whole Foods, Hello Fresh and more. The industry itself is changing, and traditional grocers ... are having to sit up and take notice."

Amid sweeping change to the industry, commissary executives kept pace. DeCA had learned forward "to some degree," Bianchi said, but with its straight cost-plus model it didn't try to match the aggressive steps taken by competitors.

"Some expression of that was folks may be voting with their feet," deciding the "value proposition" had slipped at commissaries, said Bianchi. "Sign market forces all around drove some of these [sales] results."

He compared modernizing the commissary benefit to turning an aircraft carrier, in that it takes more time than some reform advocates expect.

"The sales decline happened over a five-year period, so we're not necessarily going to see immediate stellar results," he said. "This is one where we have to earn back the confidence of some customers [and] re-affirm our commitment to those who have been loyal."

More patrons will shop on base as the experience improves, as they become more satisfied with product assortments to include lower-priced commissary brands, as they see shelves consistently full and as they recognize their overall savings can't be matched by using commercial grocers.

Will the benefit survive?

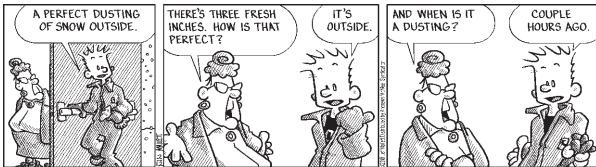
"If I didn't believe in this I wouldn't be holding down both jobs with only getting one paycheck," Bianchi said.

"My job is to improve that customer connection and experience. I think we can do that. I really do," he said. "Between industry partners, our own initiatives and working with other stakeholders on base and in the community, we're in this to win it. I remain very optimistic."

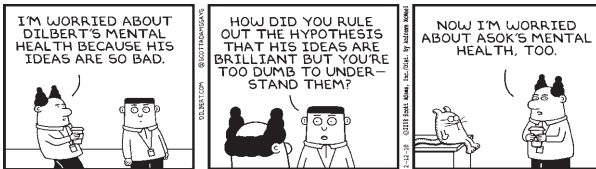
Next week: Bianchi discusses shopper savings and progress on converting commissaries to do-it-yourself sustaining operations. Barna shares a frank assessment on why, despite stalwart support for commissaries on Capitol Hill, patrons must be enticed to use the benefit to ensure its survival.

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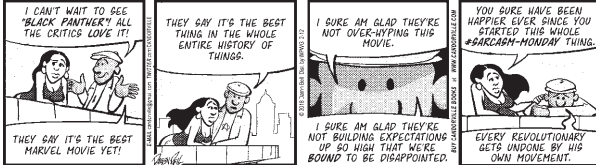
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- 4 Molecule parts
- 9 Farm female
- 12 Expert
- 13 Crusoe's creator
- 14 Flamenco cheer
- 15 Bakeware for breakfast treats
- 17 "Terri!"
- 18 Started
- 19 Crams
- 21 Roundabout path
- 24 Carry
- 25 Exist
- 26 Do wrong
- 28 Must-haves
- 31 Serving aid
- 33 Young fellow
- 35 Espy
- 36 Cockeyed
- 38 Greyhound
- 40 Eggs
- 41 Harrow rival
- 43 Talk on and on
- 45 Vain
- 47 Sportage maker
- 48 Louvre collection
- 49 Skillet
- 54 Kilmer of "Top Gun"
- 55 Tennis great
- Chris

### DOWN

- 1 America's uncle
- 2 Hosp. area
- 3 Ump
- 4 Farewells
- 5 Vine growth
- 6 Frequently
- 7 Dewy
- 8 Forwarded
- 9 Brewing
- 10 "Frozen" vessel
- 11 Spiders' snares
- 16 "Alice" waitress
- 20 Western tribe
- 21 Facts and figures
- 22 Messes up
- 23 Kitchen whistler
- 27 Arrest
- 29 Cote cooer
- 30 Rating unit
- 32 Bigfoot's cousin
- 34 French seaport
- 37 Gobbled (down)
- 39 Peter, Paul and Mary
- 42 Audacity
- 44 Label
- 45 Bean variety
- 46 Russian river
- 50 "Of course"
- 51 Evening hrs.
- 52 Fine, to NASA
- 53 Opposing vote

### Answer to Previous Puzzle

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## Deals

### Saturday's transactions

**MLB** — RHP Steve Geltz was suspended 10 games after a third positive test for a drug use; Tampa Bay C Nick Cuddihy 50-game penalty for a second positive test for a drug use; San Diego Padres RHP Alex Cunningham 50 games after testing positive for Amphetamine; and Pittsburgh 2B Mitchell Tomlin 50-game after a second positive test for a drug use.

### American League

**TORONTO BLUE JAYS** — Agreed to terms with RHP John Axford on a minor league contract.

### National League

**NEW YORK METS** — Designated 3B Matt Reynolds for assignment.

### PHILADELPHIA PHILLIES

— Agreed to terms with LHP Josh Losh on a minor league contract.

### Basketball

**National Basketball Association**

**NEW ORLEANS PELICANS** — Waived G Rashad Vaughn and G Mike James.

### Football

**NEW YORK JETS** — Signed DB Kacy Rodgers III to a reserve/future contract.

**PITTSBURGH STEELERS** — Signed 8 Roosevelt Nix to a four-year contract.

### National Hockey League

**EDMONTON OILERS** — Recalled D Kevin Shattenkirk from AHL.

**NEW YORK RANGERS** — Recalled G Alexander Gervin from Hartford (AHL) and D Chris Neil from Kansas City (ECHL) to Hartford.

**WASHINGTON CAPITALS** — Re-signed C Chris Eberle to a five-year contract extension.

### Soccer

**U.S. SOCCER** — Elected Carlos Corrao president to a four-year term.

## Pro baseball

### Spring training schedule

**Wednesday, Feb. 21**  
Arizona State vs. Arizona at Scottsdale, Ariz.

**Thursday, Feb. 22**  
Florida Southern vs. Detroit at Clearwater, Fla.

U. of Tampa vs. Philadelphia at Clearwater, Fla.

Northeastern vs. Boston at Fort Myers, Fla.

Boston College vs. Boston at Fort Myers, Fla.

U. of Minnesota vs. Minnesota at Fort Myers, Fla.

**Friday, Feb. 23**  
Grizzlies-Lakers at St. Louis vs. Miami at Jupiter, Fla.

Washington vs. Houston at Palm Beach Gardens, Fla.

Detroit vs. NY Yankees at Tampa, Fla.

Tampa Bay (ss) vs. Baltimore at Sarasota, Fla.

Pittsburgh vs. Tampa Bay (ss) at Port Charlotte, Fla.

Minnesota vs. Boston at Fort Myers, Fla.

Philadelphia vs. Toronto at Dunedin, Fla.

Atlanta vs. NY Mets at Port St. Lucie, Fla.

**Cactus League**  
LA Angels vs. Oakland at Mesa, Ariz.

Milwaukee (ss) vs. San Francisco at Scottsdale, Ariz.

Philadelphia Cubs vs. Milwaukee (ss) at Phoenix, Ariz.

St. Louis vs. Cleveland at Goodyear, Ariz.

Chicago White Sox vs. LA Dodgers at Glendale, Ariz.

Arizona vs. Colorado at Scottsdale, Ariz.

Seattle vs. San Diego at Peoria, Ariz.

**Boxing**

**Fight schedule**

**Feb. 16**

At Reno Sparks Convention Center, Reno, Nev., Raymundo Beltran vs. Raymundo Beltran.

Moses, 12, for the vacant WBO World Lightweight title; Epifanio Kavallauskas vs. David Avanesyan, 10, welterweights.

## College basketball

### Saturday's men's scores

**EAST**  
Boston College 72, Miami 70

Bryant 89, Columbia 88, OT

Boys 85, Mount St. Mary's 73

Carnegie 71, Quinnipiac 64

Connecticut 72, Princeton 68

DePaul 80, Providence 63

Duquesne 80, Duquesne 57

Georgetown 83, Seton Hall 80

Hawaii, Penn 67

Holy Cross 73, Boston U. 62

Johns 86, St. Peter's 77

UConn 80, American U. 78, OT

Manhattan 93, Monmouth (NJ) 76

Navy 69, Army 59

Niagara 95, Fairfield 83

Northwestern 77, Towson 62

Oakland 88, West Virginia 85

Riders 89, Marist 79

Rochester 86, LIU Brooklyn 82

Sacred Heart 67, CCSU 50

Saint Joseph's 85, UMass 73

St. Bonaventure 97, Richmond 88

St. Francis (Pa.) 90, St. Francis Brooklyn 92

St. John's 86, Marquette 78

Stetson 84, NJIT 69

Villanova 86, Butler 75

Yale 74, Cornell 65

**SOUTH**  
Alabama 78, Tennessee 50

Alabama 68, Alabama A&M 50

Alabama 69, MVSU 60

Appalachian St., Coastal Carolina 66

Bethune 78, Georgia 61

Charlotte 75, Tennessee Tech 70

Bethune-Cookman 87, Md.-Eastern

Shore 73

Shenandoah 72, NJIT 53

UCF 64, Temple 57

UConn 124, Wichita St. 43

80, 65, Cornell 55

**SOUTH**  
Alabama 55, Alabama A&M 44

Arkansas 57, South Alabama 60

Bethune-Cookman 73, Md.-Eastern

Shore 62

Charlotte 88, UTSA 75

Coastal Carolina 73, Appalachian St.

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E. Kentucky 59, Morehead St. 56

Florida Atlantic 88, Jacksonville St.

Florida A&M 84, NC Central 81

Florida Gulf Coast 88, SC-Upstate 44

Georgia Southern 66, Presbyterian

64

CU of Charleston 80, Drexel 67

East Tennessee St., W. Virginia 73

ETSU, W. Va. 76

Florida St., South Carolina 41

Florida A&M 65, NC Central 56

Georgia Southern 89, SC-Upstate 71

Furman 76, Wofford 52

Georgia Mason 72, George Washington

65

Hampton 82, Norfolk St. 52

Indiana 78, Jacksonville St.

LSU 82, Mississippi 66

Missouri 77, Gardner-Webb 65

North Carolina 82, North Florida 75

Northwestern 102, Georgia

Southern 91

Louisiana-Monroe 90, Georgia St. 82

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Marshall 79, FAU 68

North Carolina 78, Jacksonville St.

Northwestern 57, Chattanooga 70

Northwestern 75, Texas Tech 73

N. Kentucky 88, Green Bay 80

Nicholls 94, Houston Baptist 67

North Carolina 96, N. Ky. 88

North Carolina 82, NC A&T 85

Old Dominion 82, Louisiana Tech 69

SE Missouri 81, UT Martin 77

OT

Samford 116, The Citadel 103

South Carolina 87, Morgan St. 67

South Alabama 87, Arkansas St. 67

Southern Miss. 72, Charlotte 52

Southern U. of Ark.- Pine Bluff 62

Temple 73, South Florida 55

Tennessee St. 76, Jacksonville St. 47

72, UALR 64

UT Martin 75, UALR 10

UT Asheville 66, Radford 64

UT-Greeneboro 65, W. Carolina 48

Valdosta State 90, Hofstra 70

W. Kentucky 83, FIU 76

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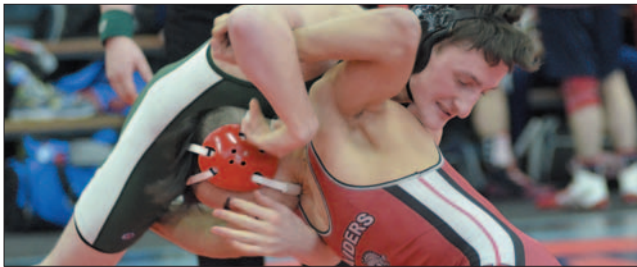
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## HIGH SCHOOL: DODEA EUROPE/SPORTS BRIEFS

## NEWS AND NOTES FROM THE WEEKEND



WILLIAM HOWARD/Stars and Stripes

**AFNORTH's** Drew Flemming defends a takedown by Kaiserslautern's Andrew Wells during the northern sectional at RAF Lakenheath, England. Wells won the match and placed second in the 160-pound class.

## D-I powers show strength

Stars and Stripes

The field is nearly set for this week's DODEA Europe wrestling championship meet, scheduled for Friday and Saturday at Wiesbaden, Germany. Sectional qualifiers at Lakenheath, Ramstein and Aviano on Saturday filled out the bulk of the brackets; DODEA Europe officials will round out the rosters with wild-card selections early this week.

In the central sectional at Ramstein, the host Royals and reigning champion Stuttgart Panthers dominated the proceedings. The presence of DODEA Europe's two largest wrestling programs in the same qualifier put the squeeze on wrestlers down the Ramstein and Stuttgart depth charts, not to mention the smaller squads in attendance.

But Stuttgart maintains a good chance of extending its dynasty after registering seven first-place finishes Saturday. Last year's Stars and Stripes wrestling Athlete of the Year Benjamin Pfandner continued his season-long dominance at 132 pounds to lead the Panthers.

Like Stuttgart, tight hopeful Ramstein was satisfied with the contingent it got through sectionals Saturday, and expects to add to that list when wild-card entries are announced this week. Russell Bodily took first at 138 pounds to lead a set of four first-place Royals.

The only other Division I school in the north, Wiesbaden, couldn't compete on quantity but managed a few breakthroughs. Atreya Allen won at 113 pounds for the Warriors, as did teammate Joshua Theodore at 152.

Rota wrestlers lacked the live-match experience of their opponents after a limited regular-season schedule. But Philip Rivera took first at 120 pounds, giving the Admirals the only non-Division I weight-class triumph of the central meet.

Host Aviano, seeking a repeat as Division II champion, was the standout team in the southern sectional. The Saints qualified 10 wrestlers for the European tournament, including four first-place finishers; 132-pound Jacob Gamboa and 138-pound Anthony Cervantes haven't lost all season.

German visitor Vilsack also earned 10 automatic qualifiers, and expects to add to that haul upon the wild-card announcements. Adrian Cruz (120 pounds) and Juan Oestrech (220) took first-place finishes for Vilsack.

Italian Division I programs Naples and Vicenza fought to keep pace with the Saints and Falcons. Naples earned two top finishes thanks to 152-pounder Jackson Blivin and 195-pounder Augusto de Sousa Matos, while 182-pounder Ethan Johnson recorded the lone first-place finish for Vicenza.

Like the other two host teams, Lakenheath fared well in the northern sectional.

The Lancers recorded four first-place finishes as part of 11 top-three showings Saturday. Ethan Boren won at 132 pounds and Brenden Yates won at 145 to give the Lancers wins in two particularly tough weight classes.

Visiting Division I contender Kaiserslautern edged ahead of Lakenheath in terms of first-place finishes with five bracket winners. Seasoned Raiders Hunter Wiles and Royce Staley took top honors in the rugged 195 and 220-pound classes, respectively.

Division III Brussels made a strong small-school showing in the meet. Six Brigands cracked the top three in their weight classes, led by 160-pound champ Bohdan Plyvko.

**Alcubury:** Both Dragon basketball teams recorded their first Division III wins of the season on Saturday. The Alcubury boys beat Brussels 33-31, while the girls beat the Brigands 22-6.

**AFNORTH:** The Lions girls will take an undefeated Division II record into the approaching European basketball tournament. Their final tuneup is a home game against Division III Brussels on Friday.

**American Overseas School of Rome:** The Falcons completed their basketball regular season with an unsuccessful trip to Division I Vicenza. But both the AOSR boys and girls enter the Division II tournament with .500 divisional records.

**Ansbach:** The Cougars picked up a 41-18 win over non-DODEA girls basketball opponent Franconian International School on Thursday. The win continued a strong post-holiday stretch for Ansbach that includes wins over Division III rivals Alcubury and Baumholder.

**Baumholder:** DODEA Europe's only undefeated boys basketball team retained that status with 61-48 and 60-40 wins over AFNORTH on the weekend.

Daryon Jones scored 17 of his game-high 19 points in Friday's first half to set the tone for another successful weekend.

**Black Forest Academy:** The defending Division II boys basketball champions picked up a pair of quality wins over Division I Vilsack over the weekend. Jack Fortune poured in 37 points in Friday's 82-52 win; the Falcons completed the sweep with a 70-57 victory Saturday.

**Hohenfels:** The Tigers were idle on the basketball court over the weekend, but that's about to change. Hohenfels plays a home-and-home set with neighboring Division III rival Ansbach next weekend ahead of the European tournament.

**Marmyton:** The Royals basketball teams will be well-traveled by the end of this month. The Rome-based program visits Spain for a pair of games at Rota next weekend, then heads to Germany for the Division II European tournament days later.

**Signella:** Jaguars girls basketball star Jessica Jacobs dominated a doubleheader with Aviano over the weekend. Jacobs scored 21 points in Friday's 40-33 win and 19 in Saturday's 41-31 victory.

**Spangdahlem:** Though the tournament is coming into view for the Division II-leading Sentinel boys basketball team, one last regular-season task remains. Spangdahlem will play a home-and-home set with undefeated Division III powerhouse Baumholder to wrap up its schedule.

**SHAPE:** The Spartans host the final three-school meet of the basketball regular season next weekend. U.K. visitors Alcubury and Lakenheath, the latter a Division I rival, come to Belgium for the occasion.

## Briefly

## Romero knocks out Rockhold in UFC

Associated Press

PERTH, Australia — Yoel Romero beat Luke Rockhold by knockout in the third round of their scheduled middleweight interim title bout Sunday, the main card highlight of UFC 221 at the Perth Arena.

But Cuba's Romero was ineligible to claim the interim title when he missed the weight at Friday's weigh-ins.

Rockhold would have taken the title with a win Sunday and seemed to have it in his grasp until Romero demonstrated all of his explosive punching power, opening his rival up with a left hook and following with an overhand left, which sent Rockhold to the canvas, and a final uppercut.

The title bout had been troublesome from the outset. Australian Robert Whittaker originally was to defend his UFC title against Rockhold but was forced to withdraw with an illness.

He contracted chicken pox while recovering from a staph infection and withdrew from the bout in January.

The 40-year-old Romero stepped into the fight at short notice. He is now the top-ranked challenger for the middleweight title and could fight Whittaker as early as June, injury permitting. Romero limped from the ring Sunday with what appeared to be a leg injury.

"It seems to make intuitive sense — the No.1 and No.2 competing," UFC senior vice president David Shaw said. "If it were not for the mess up on the weight, [Romero] would have had the interim belt."

off the slow-moving free agent market.

The 31-year-old Darvish met with Cubs officials in December and the sides remained in contact while the right-hander listened to other potential suitors. Texas, Milwaukee, Minnesota and the New York Yankees also reportedly expressed some level of interest, but Chicago's approach paid off with the agreement just days before the start of spring training.

In other MLB news:

■ Atlanta pitcher Mike Foltynewicz and Oakland pitcher Kendall Graveman have lost to their teams in salary arbitration.

The decisions Saturday left players with a 7-6 lead. There is one decision pending in the case of Cleveland pitcher Trevor Bauer and nine hearings scheduled for next week.

## Johnson shares lead at Pebble Beach

PEBBLE BEACH, Calif. — Dustin Johnson overcame a sloppy back nine by making a 10-foot birdie on the 18th hole at Pebble Beach for a 2-under-70 that gave him a share of the lead going into the final round of the AT&T Pebble Beach National Pro-Am.

Ted Potter Jr. needed to birdie one of his final three holes for a 59 at Monterey Peninsula. He finished par-bogey-bogey for a 62 and was tied with Johnson.

They were at 14-under-201. Jason Day, coming off a victory two weeks ago at Torrey Pines, shot a 69 at Pebble Beach and was two shots behind.

## Steelers sign Pro Bowl FB Nix to 4-year deal

PITTSBURGH — The Pittsburgh Steelers signed Pro Bowl fullback Roosevelt Nix to a four-year contract.

The 25-year-old Nix played in all 16 games for the AFC North champions this season. Used primarily as a blocking back for All-Pro Le'Veon Bell.

## AP source: Darvish, Cubs reach 6-year deal

CHICAGO — The winter-long dance is over: Yu Darvish is joining the Chicago Cubs.

Darvish has agreed to a \$126 million, six-year contract with Chicago, giving the Cubs one of the deepest rotations in baseball and taking one of the top players



MATT SLOCUM/AP

Yu Darvish agreed to a \$126 million, six-year contract with the Chicago Cubs on Saturday.



# NBA



BEN MAROIT/AP

**Golden State coach Steve Kerr earned his 250th career coaching victory on Saturday as the Warriors defeated the San Antonio Spurs 122-105, in Oakland, Calif. Kerr became the fastest in NBA history to 250 coaching wins, doing so in 302 games. That tops his former coach, Phil Jackson, who reached the mark in 346 games.**

## Roundup

# GSW's Kerr fastest coach to 250 wins

Associated Press

OAKLAND, Calif. — Clay Thompson scored 25 points, 10 coming in the third quarter to help Golden State pull away, and the Warriors beat the San Antonio Spurs 122-105 on Saturday night.

Stephen Curry added 17 points and eight assists as coach Steve Kerr earned his 250th career coaching victory. Draymond Green had 17 points, 11 assists and eight rebounds in another well-rounded outing — and his first technical-free game in the last three.

Kerr became the fastest to 250 coaching wins in NBA history, doing so in 302 games. That tops his former coach, Phil Jackson, who reached the mark in 346 games. Yet Kerr, the 2016 NBA Coach of the Year, received 39 victories during a leave of absence following complications from back surgery at the start of the 2015-16 season, when then-top assistant and current Lakers coach Luke Walton coached Golden State.

**Mavericks 130, Lakers 123:** Dirk Nowitzki scored a season-high 22 points. Harrison Barnes had 21 and last-place Dallas spoiled Isaiah Thomas' strong debut with the visiting Lakers.

Thomas finished with 22 points and already looks like a better fit in coach Luke Walton's offense than he did in an ill-fated 15-game stint with Cleveland after the offseason trade that sent Kyrie Irving to Boston.

The diminutive guard's first half with the Lakers was his highest-scoring half of the season, a team-high 16 points.

Doug McDermott had eight points in his Dallas debut following a deadline deal that brought him from New York.

**Wizards 101, Bulls 90:** Tomas Satoransky scored a career-high 25 points on 10-for-12 shooting and visiting Washington beat Chicago. Otto Porter Jr. and Mike Scott had 15 points apiece as the Wizards won for the sixth time in eight games.

**Bucks 111, Magic 104:** Giannis Antetokounmpo had 32 points and Jason Terry came off the bench to score 11 points in the second half in Milwaukee's victory over host Orlando.

A couple of three-pointers by the 40-year-old Terry put the Bucks ahead to stay late in the third quarter, although the game stayed close until Antetokounmpo's three-point play made it 107-100 with 45.7 seconds left. Milwaukee stayed ahead by hitting 13 of 20 shots in the fourth quarter, winning for the eighth time in 10 games.

**Pelicans 138, Nets 128 (OT):** Anthony Davis had 40 points and 17 rebounds. Rajon Rondo had a triple-double, and visiting New Orleans recovered after blowing a 28-point lead to beat Brooklyn.

Rondo finished with 25 points, 12 assists and 10 rebounds as the Pelicans snapped a three-game losing streak. Nikola Mirotic had 21 points and 16 boards, and Jrue Holiday chipped in 22 points.

**Nuggets 123, Suns 113:** Wilson Chandler scored 26 points. Will Barton had 25 point and Denver used an extended second-half run to take control in a victory over host Phoenix.

Nikola Jokic had 21 points, nine rebounds and seven assists, and Gary Harris had 13 points for the Nuggets, who have won four of five.

**76ers 112, Clippers 98:** Joel Embiid had 29 points and tied a career high with 16 rebounds, and host Philadelphia beat Los Angeles for its third straight victory.

## Scoreboard

### Eastern Conference

Atlantic Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Toronto	18	16	.704	1
Boston	40	17	.702	—
Philadelphia	18	26	.409	11
New York	23	33	.411	16
Brooklyn	13	33	.287	20 1/2
Southeast Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Washington	32	24	.571	—
Miami	26	26	.500	7 1/2
Charlotte	23	32	.418	11
Orlando	18	37	.327	13 1/2
Atlanta	17	39	.304	15
Central Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Cleveland	32	22	.593	—
Milwaukee	31	24	.564	1 1/2
Indiana	31	25	.554	2
Detroit	27	27	.500	5 1/2
Chicago	19	36	.345	13 1/2

### Western Conference

Southwest Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Houston	41	13	.759	—
San Antonio	22	26	.454	7 1/2
New Orleans	26	26	.500	12 1/2
Memphis	18	33	.353	23
Dallas	18	33	.353	24
Northwest Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Minnesota	34	24	.586	—
Portland	31	25	.554	2
Oklahoma City	27	29	.482	5 1/2
Denver	26	26	.500	6
Utah	28	29	.491	5 1/2
Pacific Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Golden State	43	13	.768	—
L.A. Lakers	28	26	.519	14
L.A. Lakers	23	32	.418	19 1/2
Sacramento	17	37	.311	24
Phoenix	18	39	.316	25 1/2

**Friday's games**  
L.A. Clippers 108, Detroit 95  
Philadelphia 100, New Orleans 82  
Cleveland 123, Atlanta 107  
Indiana 97, Boston 91  
Houston 130, Denver 104  
Miami 91, Milwaukee 85  
Utah 106, Charlotte 93  
Chicago 114, Minnesota 113  
Portland 118, Sacramento 100  
San Antonio 105, Phoenix 113

**Saturday's games**  
New Orleans 138, Brooklyn 128  
Milwaukee 111, Orlando 104  
Philadelphia 112, L.A. Clippers 98  
Washington 101, Chicago 90  
Dallas 130, L.A. Lakers 123  
Golden State 122, San Antonio 105  
Denver 123, Phoenix 113

**Sunday's games**  
Toronto at Charlotte  
San Cleveland at Boston  
Detroit at Atlanta  
New York at Indiana  
Dallas at Houston  
Phoenix at Oklahoma City  
Sacramento at Minnesota  
Utah at Portland

**Monday's games**  
New Orleans at Detroit  
New York at Philadelphia  
L.A. Clippers at Brooklyn  
Atlanta at Chicago  
San Antonio at Utah  
Phoenix at Golden State

**Tuesday's games**  
Miami at Toronto  
Atlanta at Milwaukee  
Cleveland at Oklahoma City  
Houston at Dallas  
Sacramento at Dallas  
San Antonio at Denver

### Saturday

#### Wizards 101, Bulls 90

**WASHINGTON** — Porter Jr. 5-11 3-3 14, Oubre Jr. 3-14 2-11, Gortat 3-8 0-0 10, Satoransky 10-19 0-0 25, Beal 3-11 1-10, Smith 3-4 0-7, Scott 5-11 2-3 14, McCaw 1-2 0-2, Mahoney 0-0 0-0 0-0, Frazier 2-3 0-5, Meeks 4-6 1-2 10. Totals 38-82 12-14 10-1.

**CHICAGO** — Valentine 4-14 0-10, Markkanen 5-19 1-12, Lopez 6-9 0-0 12, Grant 2-6 5-6 11, Holiday 10-14 0-0 15, Zipser 3-0-5, Portis 6-12 0-13, Arcidiacono 2-10 0-10, Nwaba 4-5 1-2. Totals 34-80 13-16 9-0.

**Washington** 22 24 26 10-1  
Chicago 22 24 26 10-1

Three-Point Goals — Washington 13, Chicago 12.  
Rebounds — Washington 41 (Porter Jr., Gortat 9), Chicago 45 (Markkanen, Valentine 10).  
Assists — Washington 31 (Beal, Satoransky 6), Chicago 23 (Grant 8).  
Steals — Washington 17, Chicago 16.  
Blocks — Scott, Lopez. Ejected — Portis. A—21,112 (20,917).

#### Warriors 122, Spurs 105

**SAN ANTONIO** — Anderson 9-13 2-20, Aldridge 9-14 2-20, Bertans 4-7 1-10, Mills 3-10 0-0 7, DeRoz 2-7 0-4, Hilliard 1-2 3-3 5, Gasol 3-6 1-2 7, Livingston 1-3 0-2, Forbes 0-7 0-0 0, White 0-0 0-0 1, Ginobili 5-13 0-13, Paul 3-4 0-0 6. Totals 43-94 14-19 10.

**GOLDEN STATE** — Durant 3-9 4-4 10, Draymond 8-16 0-0 17, Pacheria 4-5 4-4 12, Curry 7-13 0-0 17, Thompson 10-14 0-25, Casspi 1-3 0-0 2, Loyce 1-0 0-0 0, West 6-1 1-13, McCaw 2-3 4-7, Livingston 1-3 2-2 4, McCaw 0-1 0-0 0, Young 3-5 0-0 9, Igounia 3-7 0-0 6. Totals 48-85 14-15 12.

**San Antonio** 27 31 33 11-12  
**Golden State** 27 31 33 11-12

Three-Point Goals — San Antonio 5-27 (Ginobili 3-8, Bertans 1-4, Mills 1-5, Hilliard 0-1, Paul 0-1, Anderson 0-1), DeRoz 2-3, White 0-2, Forbes 0-3, Golden State 12-27 (Thompson 5-9, Young 3-4, Curry 3-7, DrGree 1-5, McCaw 0-1, Durant 0-1, Igounia 0-1). Fouled Out — None. Rebounds — San Antonio 34 (White 7), Golden State 44 (DrGree 8). Assists — San Antonio 30 (Ginobili 6), Golden State 35 (DrGree 11). Total Fouls — San Antonio 18, Golden State 18. A—15,926 (15,596).

**Pelicans 138, Nets 128 (OT)**  
New Orleans — Moore 5-8 0-0 12, Mirotic 8-18 3-4 21, Davis 16-35 9-14 44, Rondo 11-16 3-25, Holiday 7-15 12-22, Miller 1-4 0-3, Diallo 3-4 2-8, Liggins 0-1 0-0 0, Clark 1-5 1-3. Totals 52-106 25-39 12-22.

**BROOKLYN** — Harris 4-8 2-12, Carroll 4-16 3-4 12, Allen 4-6 0-8, Birdwell 5-27 12-24, Crabbe 10-24 0-10, Cunningham 12-20 0-2, Webb 10-0 0-0 0, Ay 10-2-10, Lokafor 3-0-0 6, Russell 7-18 2-21, Stauskas 2-3 0-0 0. Totals 43-114 21-22 128.

**New Orleans** 27 31 33 11-12  
**Brooklyn** 27 31 33 11-12

Three-Point Goals — New Orleans 13, Brooklyn 12.  
Rebounds — New Orleans 44 (DrGree 8), Brooklyn 35 (DrGree 11).  
Assists — New Orleans 30 (Ginobili 6), Brooklyn 35 (DrGree 11).  
Steals — New Orleans 17, Brooklyn 16.  
Blocks — Scott, Lopez. Ejected — Portis. A—21,112 (20,917).

**76ers 112, Clippers 98**  
Philadelphia — Harris 7-16 5-17, Galinovic 5-15 2-22, Jones 4-7 2-4, Bell 4-14 1-10, Bradley 2-5 0-4, Decker 0-0 0-0, Johnson 0-0 0-0 0, Harrell 4-5 0-8, Wallace 4-12 2-4, Williams 9-21 1-2 23. Totals 38-88 14-23 98.

**PHILADELPHIA** — Covington 3-10 0-0 7, Saric 4-12 1-11 0, Embiid 9-23 10-13 29, Simmons 7-13 9-14, Redick 5-12 0-17, A.Johnson 1-0 0-2, Booker 2-4 0-4, McConnell 6-7 2-2 17, Anderson 5-7 0-12, Totals 43-90 13-17 112.

**L.A. Clippers** 28 27 30 28-98  
**Philadelphia** 28 27 30 28-98

Three-Point Goals — L.A. Clippers 8-28 (L.Williams 4-10, Gallinari 3-8, Rivers 1-5, Harris 0-3), Philadelphia 10-28 (Simmons 5-10, McConnell 3-8, Anderson 2-3, Saric 1-5, Covington 1-5).  
Rebounds — L.A. Clippers 40 (J.J. Redick 10), Philadelphia 32 (Simmons 10).  
Assists — L.A. Clippers 20 (L.Williams 6), Philadelphia 32 (Simmons 10).  
Total Fouls — L.A. Clippers 16, Philadelphia 18. A—20,504 (21,600).

**Nuggets 123, Suns 113**  
Denver — Barton 10-14 1-1 25, W.Chandler 11-15 1-16 26, Jokic 5-12 10-11 21, Murray 4-9 3-12 0, McVey 2-3 0-0 13, Arthur 3-1 2-7, Faried 0-0 0-0 0, Lyles 3-10 0-0 0, Harris 1-3 0-0 1, Crab 1-2 2-2. Totals 48-82 20-12 123.

**PHOENIX** — Jackson 10-19 0-3 20, Warren 13-15 7-31, Bender 8-15 2-23, Payton 8-13 3-19 0-0, Daniels 2-5 0-5, Dudley 0-0 0-0 0, San 12-2-0, Chris 2-4 0-0 0, Lyles 3-10 0-0 0, Harris 1-3 0-0 1, Crab 1-2 2-2. Totals 48-82 20-12 123.

**Three-Point Goals** — Denver 13-29 (Barton 4-8, W.Chandler 3-8, Lyles 1-5, Jokic 1-2, D.Harris 1-3, Murray 1-4, Craig 0-1, Faried 0-1, McVey 0-1).  
Rebounds — Denver 37 (Jokic 9), Phoenix 36 (Bender 8).  
Assists — Denver 29 (Jokic 9), Phoenix 36 (Bender 8).  
Steals — Denver 23, Phoenix 24.  
Blocks — Barton, Daniels 0-0 0-0 0, Lyles 3-10 0-0 0, Harris 1-3 0-0 0, Thomas 7-12 4-4 22, L.Williams 4-10 0-0 0, Gallinari 3-8 0-0 0, Simmons 7-13 9-14 21, Redick 5-12 0-17, A.Johnson 1-0 0-2, Booker 2-4 0-4, McConnell 6-7 2-2 17, Anderson 5-7 0-12, Totals 43-90 13-17 112.

**Mavericks 130, Lakers 123**  
Dallas — Hart 3-7 0-0 9, Randle 10-14 0-0 0, Barnes 5-13 0-0 0, Ingram 3-16 0-22, Caldwell-Pope 5-8 2-4 14, Brewer 1-2 0-0 0, L.Williams 4-10 0-0 0, Caruso 0-0 0-0 0, Thomas 7-12 4-4 22, L.Williams 4-10 0-0 0, Matthews 4-10 0-0 0, DALLAS — Matthews 4-7 2-2 13, Barnes 6-9 7-17, Nowitzki 8-11 2-22, Smith 9-17 1-14, Barea 5-8 0-0 0, McVey 2-3 0-0 0, Kiebler 4-9 0-8, Powell 8-12 3-19, Meeks 1-1 2-2 4, Collinsworth 1-1 2-2 3. Totals 48-82 21-13 123.

**Three-Point Goals** — L.A. Lakers 16-34 (Ingram 4-5, Thomas 4-8, Hart 3-6, Kuzma 2-5, Caldwell-Pope 2-5, Lopez 1-5), Dallas 12-27 (Nowitzki 4-8, Matthews 4-8, Barnes 2-3, Smith 3-4, Ferrell 1-3, Kiebler 0-1, Powell 0-1, Barea 0-1, McDermott 0-1).  
Rebounds — Lakers 37 (Kuzma 15), Dallas 40 (Powell 7).  
Assists — Dallas 21 (Luka 10), L.A. Lakers 23 (Barea 9).  
Total Fouls — L.A. Lakers 16, Dallas 14. Technicals — Dallas 0, Lakers 1. A—15,347 (15,846).

**Bucks 111, Magic 104**  
Milwaukee — Middleton 8-13 4-25 21, Antetokounmpo 16-28 10-18 48, Bledsoe 2-2 13, Bledsoe 6-10 4-18, Smith 1-3 0-3, Zeller 2-3 0-4, Terry 1-2 0-11, Kilpatrick 3-9 2-9, Brown 0-5 0-0 0. Totals 48-82 16-20 111.

**ORLANDO** — Simmons 4-14 0-0 9, Hezonja 8-16 6-27 23, Biyombo 1-5 2-4, Austin 2-7 2-7 10, Young 1-2 0-0 0, Luwudu 1-2 2-4, Speights 1-4 0-3, Birch 5-5 2-6, Mac 10-12 1-5, Orlando 2-5 0-5 5. Totals 37-83 22 111.

**Milwaukee** 24 26 38 10-14  
**Orlando** 24 26 38 10-14

Three-Point Goals — Milwaukee 9-25 (Terry 3-5, Bledsoe 2-3, Maker 1-3, Smith 1-3, Middleton 1-4, Kilpatrick 0-1), Orlando 10-24 (Simmons 4-8, Brown 0-5, Speights 1-3, Afflalo 1-3, Hezonja 1-5, Simmons 1-6, Austin 0-2).  
Rebounds — Orlando 40 (Middleton 9), Orlando 41 (Birch 9).  
Assists — Milwaukee 28 (Bledsoe 8), Orlando 23 (Birch 10).  
Total Fouls — Milwaukee 16, Orlando 14. Technicals — Milwaukee 1, Orlando 13. A—15,347 (15,846).



ADAM HUNGER/AP

**The New Orleans Pelicans' Anthony Davis shoots over the Brooklyn Nets' Dante Cunningham on Saturday in New York.**

**Calendar**  
Feb. 16-18, 2018 — All-star weekend, Los Angeles.  
April 11 — Regular season ends.  
April 14 — Playoffs begin.  
May 31 — NBA Finals begin.  
June 21 — NBA Draft.



# COLLEGE BASKETBALL

## Hokies outlast No. 2 Virginia in overtime

By HANK KURZ JR.  
Associated Press

CHARLOTTESVILLE, Va. — Kerry Blackshear Jr. turned a forgettable night into a most memorable one, and he and his Virginia Tech teammates likely kept No. 2 Virginia from ascending to No. 1 for the first time since 1983 with a 61-60 overtime victory on Saturday night.

Blackshear scored on a putback with 5.8 seconds left, just his third basket of the game, to give the Hokies the upset, ending the Cavaliers' 16-game home winning streak and likelihood of replacing Villanova atop the Top 25 when it is released on Monday.

"It wasn't really a motivation," Blackshear said. "It was more that we know they're a good team and we have to be us this time."

The Hokies failed to do that in losing 78-52 to Virginia at Cassell Coliseum on Jan. 3, but exacted their revenge by closing off the middle to the Cavaliers and forcing them to try to win from outside. Virginia did hit 11 three-pointers, but needed 38 attempts (28.9 percent) to do it.

Hokies coach Buzz Williams said he, and



STEVE HELBER/AP

Virginia center Jack Salt, left, and forward Isaiah Wilkins (21) apply pressure to Virginia Tech forward Kerry Blackshear Jr. on Saturday in Charlottesville, Va.

Blackshear, will likely always remember the dramatic finish. The player wasn't so sure.

"I will remember that I missed every

shot before that more than [the finish]," he said after missing all six of his three-point attempts and not scoring until just 3:53 remained in regulation. "I enjoyed the energy my teammates gave me the whole game. That was big for me."

Blackshear rebounded a missed layup by Justin Robinson and banked it in as he was being fouled. He missed the free throw, but Ty Jerome's 28-foot attempt at the other end missed badly and the Hokies (18-7, 7-5 Atlantic Coast Conference) had a marquee victory.

Revenge was sweet, freshman Nickeil Alexander-Walker said.

"We were hungry for a win, especially after what they did coming to Blacksburg," he said.

Robinson led the Hokies with 20 points and seven assists, and Alexander-Walker had 12 points, including a three-pointer — his fourth of the game and the 11th for Virginia Tech in 289 attempts — to pull the Hokies within 60-59 with 20.7 seconds left.

Devon Hall had 16 points for Virginia (23-2, 12-1), but the 93.3 percent free throw shooter missed twice from the line in the

final 31 seconds. DeAndre Hunter added 14 points and Kyle Guy 13 for the Cavaliers, who shot just 34.4 percent, making 21 of 61 shots.

"We almost stole that game," coach Tony Bennett said, "but that's what it would have been, stealing that game. They outplayed us."

The Cavaliers seemed a likely new No. 1 after No. 1 Villanova lost this week to St. John's, but picked a bad night to have shooting woes. Scoring leader Kyle Guy finished 3-for-14 from beyond the arc, and Jerome was 1-for-10. He did, however, score twice in the final minute of regulation, on a drive and then a jumper from the right elbow, to rescue the Cavaliers from a 49-45 deficit and force the overtime.

The Hokies shot 57 percent overall (12-21) and 57 percent from three-point range (8-14) in the first half, at one point reeling off 17 straight points to open a 22-13 lead. Virginia closed the margin to 30-26 on Guy's three-pointer with 26 seconds left, but Alexander-Walker hit a three-point at the halftime buzzer. It was the third shot clock- or buzzer-beating three for the Hokies in the half, and gave them a 33-26 lead.

### Roundup

## Baylor knocks off Kansas for first time in 5 years

Associated Press

WACO, Texas — Manu Lecomte took a deep three-pointer, and then slowly took a few steps backward toward the other goal while watching the ball go through the net. The point guard then made another long shot beyond Baylor's next basket.

The consecutive threes were part of eight straight points by Lecomte after No. 10 Kansas had pulled within a basket, and the Bears were on an 80-64 victory over the Jayhawks — a team they hadn't beaten in five years.

"Everybody was playing really well, so I was kind of out there being a facilitator for everybody. And then when we needed a shot up, I took them," said Lecomte, who finished with 18 points on 6-of-10 shooting.

"The two threes he made were probably 27, 28 feet. He's just a good player, and jumped up and made a couple of big-time shots," Kansas coach Bill Self said. "They were just clutch plays."

The Jayhawks (19-6, 8-4 Big 12) trailed 30-20 at halftime after having more turnovers (nine) than made field goals (seven) before the break. They were down by as many as 13 points after that but closed to 58-56 with 7:14 left after consecutive jumpers by Lagerald Vick.

Lecomte then made a jumper before his only two made three-pointers for Baylor (15-10, 5-7).

"They were doing a good job of running him off the baseline screens and stuff like that, and kind of lost sight of him," Kansas guard Devonte Graham said.

No. 1 Villanova 86, Butler 75: Dante DiVincenzo scored a career-high 30 points, Jalen Brunson had 27 and host Villanova

va bounced back from its second loss of the season.

Omar Spellman added 10 points and 11 rebounds for the Wildcats (23-2, 10-2 Big East), who avoided losing consecutive games for the first time since March 2013.

No. 4 Michigan State 68, No. 3 Purdue 65: Miles Bridges made a tiebreaking three-pointer with 2.7 seconds left and finished with 20 points, helping host Michigan State top Purdue.

The Spartans (24-3, 12-2 Big Ten) have won eight straight, improving their chances of contending for a conference championship and earning a No. 1 seed for the NCAA Tournament.

No. 5 Xavier 72, Creighton 71: Quentin Goodin made two free throws with three-thirds of a second left, allowing visiting Xavier to hold off Creighton.

Goodin got fouled by Ronnie Harrell Jr. after Harrell had made three straight free throws to give the Bluejays a one-point lead with 4.6 seconds left. Goodin got an inbound pass from Naji Marshall and drove the length of the court to the basket, with Harrell making contact in the lane and sending him to the line.

No. 7 Texas Tech 66, Kansas State 47: Keenan Evans scored 19 points and visiting Texas Tech (21-4, 9-3) beat Kansas State to take sole possession of the Big 12 lead.

8 Auburn 78, Georgia 61: Jared Harper scored 24 points and Auburn, playing without top scorer Bryce Brown, showed impressive depth by beating host Georgia.

No. 12 Gonzaga 78, No. 11 Saint Mary's 65: Rui Hachimura scored 23 points and visiting Gonzaga kept the ball out of

Jack Landale's hands to end the nation's longest active winning streak at 19 games.

No. 13 Arizona 81, USC 67: Rawle Alkins scored 20 points. Deandre Ayton added 13 and host Arizona expanded its Pac-12 lead with a victory over Southern California.

No. 14 Ohio State 82, Iowa 64: Keita Bates-Diop had 14 points and eight rebounds, and host Ohio State beat Iowa for sole possession of first place in the Big Ten.

Alabama 78, No. 15 Tennessee 50: Donta Hall had 17 points and 11 rebounds and Collin Sexton scored 16 points to lead host Alabama (16-10, 7-5 Southeastern Conference) to a victory over Tennessee.

Iowa State 88, No. 17 Oklahoma 80: Iowa State freshman Lindell Wigington upstaged Trae Young by scoring 26 points and the Cyclones upset Oklahoma, handing the Sooners their sixth consecutive road loss.

Oklahoma State 88, No. 19 West Virginia 85: Kendall Smith and Cameron McGriff each scored 20 points and Oklahoma State beat another ranked team on the road, topping host West Virginia.

The Cowboys (15-10, 5-7 Big 12), who won at then-No. 7 Kansas last weekend, trailed by eight points with 13:11 minutes left.

No. 21 North Carolina 97, N.C. State 89: Luke Maye scored 27 of his career-high 33 points after halftime to help visiting North Carolina.

No. 22 Wichita State 95, UConn 74: Landry Shamet scored 16 points in just 23 minutes as host Wichita State cruised to a win over UConn.



TONY GUTIERREZ/AP

Baylor guard Manu Lecomte, right, gets past Kansas guard Sviatoslav Mykhailiuk in the second half on Saturday in Waco, Texas.

No. 23 Nevada 83, San Diego State 58: Jordan Caroline scored 26 points and Lindsay Drew just missed a triple-double with 12 points, 11 rebounds and nine assists in host Nevada's victory.

Kendall Stephens added 21 points for Nevada (21-5, 10-2 Mountain West).

Texas A&M 85, No. 24 Kentucky 74: Freshman point guard T.J. Starks scored 17 points and host Texas A&M toppled Kentucky in a sold-out and raucous Reed Arena.

John Calipari has lost three consecutive games for the first time since taking over the Kentucky program before the 2009-2010 season.

Boston College 72, No. 25 Miami 70: Ky Bowman stole a rebound under the basket, drew a foul and hit two free throws

with 2.9 seconds left as host Boston College scored the last nine points of the game to rally for a victory over Miami.

Air Force 100, New Mexico 92: Ryan Swan scored 17 points and grabbed 10 rebounds and host Air Force (10-13, 4-7) earned a season split with New Mexico by upsetting the Lobos in a Mountain West Conference battle.

Navy 68, Army 59: Shawn Anderson and Evan Weick scored 16 of their combined 25 points in the second half and Tom Lacey finished with 10 points and nine rebounds to help visiting Navy.

Anderson finished with 13 points, six rebounds and four assists, Hasan Abdullahi scored 11 points and George Kiernan added seven points and eight rebounds for Navy (17-10, 8-6 Patriot League).



## WINTER OLYMPICS

## Scoreboard

## Medals Table

Through Feb. 11 (11 medal events)				
Nation	G	S	B	Total
Norway	4	3	3	10
Netherlands	2	2	1	5
Germany	2	1	1	4
Canada	0	3	1	4
United States	1	0	1	2
Czech Republic	0	1	2	3
Austria	1	0	0	1
France	1	0	0	1
South Korea	1	0	0	1
Sweden	1	0	0	1
Finland	0	0	1	1
Italy	0	0	1	1
Kazakhstan	0	0	1	1
OA Russia	0	0	1	1

## Sunday's medalists

**BIATHLON**  
**Men's 10km**  
**GOLD**—Arnd Peiffer, Germany  
**SILVER**—Michal Krčmar, Czech Republic

**Bronze**—Dominik Windisch, Italy  
**CROSS-COUNTRY SKIING**  
**Men's Skiatlon**  
**GOLD**—Simen Hegstad Krueger, Norway

**SILVER**—Marting Johnsen Sundby, Norway  
**Bronze**—Hans Christer Holund, Norway

**FREESTYLE SKIING**  
**Women's Moguls**  
**GOLD**—Perrine Laffont, France  
**SILVER**—Justine Dufour-Lapointe, Canada

**Bronze**—Yulia Galysheva, Kazakhstan  
**LUGE**  
**Men's Singles**  
**GOLD**—David Gleirscher, Austria

**SILVER**—Christopher Mazzer, Germany  
**Bronze**—Johannes Ludwig, Germany  
**SNOWBOARD**  
**Men's Slopestyle**  
**GOLD**—Redmond Gerard, United States

**SILVER**—Maxence Parrot, Canada  
**Bronze**—Marc McMorris, Canada  
**SPEEDSKATING**  
**Men's 5000**  
**GOLD**—Sven Kramer, Netherlands

**SILVER**—Ted-Jan Bloemen, Canada  
**Bronze**—Sverre Lundte Pedersen, Norway

## Sunday's results

**BIATHLON**  
**Men's 10km Sprint**  
 1. Arnd Peiffer, Germany, 22:38.8 (0).  
 2. Michal Krčmar, Czech Republic, 23:43.0 (0).  
 3. Dominik Windisch, Italy, 23:46.5 (1).  
 4. Julian Eberhard, Austria, 23:47.2 (1).  
 5. Dennis Overberg, Biesteigarten, Norway, 23:56.2 (2).  
 6. Benoit Doll, Germany, 23:56.4 (1).  
 7. Simon Schenker, Germany, 24:00.2 (1).  
 8. Martin Fourcade, France, 24:00.9 (3).

**U.S. Finishers**  
 33. Lowell Bailey, 24:54.4 (1).  
 47. Tim Burke, 25:26.3 (4).  
 58. Leif Nordgren, 25:49.0 (2).  
 65. Sean Doherty, 25:55.2 (4).

**CROSS-COUNTRY SKIING**  
**Men's Skiatlon**  
**15km Classic + 15km Free**  
 1. Simen Hegstad Krueger, Norway, 1:16:20.0.

2. Martin Johnsen Sundby, Norway, 1:16:28.0.  
 3. Hans Christer Holund, Norway, 1:16:29.9.

4. Denis Spitsov, OA Russia, 1:16:32.7.  
 5. Maurice Manificat, France, 1:16:34.2.

6. Dario Cologna, Switzerland, 1:16:45.1.  
 7. Andrew Musgrave, Britain, 1:16:45.7.

8. Arne Haver, Canada, 1:16:53.4.  
**U.S. Finishers**  
 18. Scott Patterson, 1:17:1.5 (4).  
 42. Erik Brinkman, 1:20:54.7.

51. Patrick Caldwell, 1:23:18.1.  
 52. Noah Hoffman, 1:23:18.1.  
**FIGURE SKATING**  
**Team Event**

**Ice Dance Short Program**  
 1. Scott Moir and Tessia Virtue, Canada, 80.51.  
 2. Alex Shibutani and Maia Shibutani, United States, 75.46.

3. Dmitri Soloviev and Ekaterina Bobokina, Russia, 74.76.  
 4. Anna Cappellini and Luca Lanotte, Italy, 72.51.

5. Chris Reed and Kana Muramoto, Japan, 62.15.  
**Women's Short Program**  
 1. Evgenia Medvedeva, OA Russia, 84.05.

2. Carolina Kostner, Italy, 75.10.  
 3. Kaetlyn Osmond, Canada, 71.38.  
 4. Satoko Miyahara, Japan, 68.95.

5. Bradie Tennell, United States, 68.94.  
**Pair Free Skating**  
 1. Meagan Duhamel and Eric Radford, Canada, 145.23.

2. Valentina Marchei and Ondrej Hotarek, Italy, 134.44.

3. Natalia Zabaiako and Alexander Enbert, OA Russia, 133.28.

4. Alexei Mizurhin and Alexa Scimeca Knierim, United States, 126.56.

5. Rika Kihara and Ryoichi Kihara, Japan, 97.67.

**Team Event**  
 1. Canada, 45 points (0).  
 2. OA Russia, 39 (0).  
 3. United States, 36 (0).

4. Italy, 35 (0).  
 5. Japan, 32 (0).  
**Finals not Reached**  
 6. China, 18.  
 7. Germany, 16.  
 8. Israel, 13.  
 9. South Korea, 13.  
 10. France, 13.

**FREESTYLE SKIING**  
**Women's Moguls**  
**Final**  
 1. Perrine Laffont, France, 78.65.  
 2. Justine Dufour-Lapointe, Canada, 78.56.

3. Yulia Galysheva, Kazakhstan, 77.40.  
 4. Johana Anthony, Australia, 75.35.  
 5. Brittny Cox, Australia, 75.08.  
 6. Andi Naude, Canada, DNF.

**LUGE**  
**Men's Singles**  
**Final**  
 1. David Gleirscher, Austria, 3:10.702.  
 2. Christopher Mazzer, United States, 3:10.728.

3. Johannes Ludwig, Germany, 3:10.932.  
 4. Dominik Fischhaller, Italy, 3:10.934.  
 5. Felix Loch, Germany, 3:10.968.

6. Sam Edney, Canada, 3:11.021.  
 7. Kevin Fischhaller, Italy, 3:11.054.  
 8. Roman Replov, OA Russia, 3:11.108.

**Other U.S. Finishers**  
 18. Taylor Morris, 3:12.547.  
 26. Tucker West, 2:26.19.

**SNOWBOARD**  
**Men's Slopestyle**  
**Final Ranking**  
 1. (8) Redmond Gerard, United States, (43.13/45.4/87.16) 87.16.

2. (12) Maxence Parrot, Canada, (45.13/49.86/90.0) 86.63.  
 3. (10) Marc McMorris, Canada, (75.3/85.20/60.88) 85.20.

4. (6) Steele Sandberg, Norway, (44.81/81.01/81.3) 81.01.  
 5. (2) Carlos Garcia Knight, New Zealand, (78.60/52.98/74.58) 78.60.

6. (11) Marcus Cleveland, Norway, (77.76/43.71/37.18) 77.76.  
 7. (4) Tyler Nicholson, Canada, (36.18/76.41/76.15) 76.41.

8. (3) Torgeir Bergrem, Norway, (58.80/75.80/60.03) 75.80.  
 9. (1) Niklas Mattsson, Sweden, (38.43/69.13/42.40) 74.71.

10. (2) Siegfried Smits, Belgium, (31.11/67.03/66.18) 69.03.  
 11. (7) Sebastien Toutant, Canada, (33.66/57.23/61.08) 61.08.

**SPEEDSKATING**  
**Men's 5000**  
 1. Sven Kramer, Netherlands, 6:09.76.  
 2. Ted-Jan Bloemen, Canada, 6:11.616.

3. Sverre Lundte Pedersen, Norway, 6:11.618.  
 4. Peter Michael, New Zealand, 6:11.672.

5. Lee Seung-Hoon, South Korea, 6:14.15.  
 6. Bart Swings, Belgium, 6:14.57.  
 7. Jan Blokhuis, Netherlands, 6:14.57.

8. Nicola Tumolo, Italy, 6:15.48.  
 9. Eemir Lehman, 6:31.16.

**Women's hockey**  
**At A glance**  
**Preliminary Round**  
**Group A**

Canada 1 0 0 0 3 5 0 0  
 United States 1 0 0 0 3 1 1  
 Finland 0 1 0 0 0 1 0 3  
 OA Russia 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 3

**Group B**  
 Switzerland 1 0 0 0 3 8 0  
 Sweden 1 0 0 0 3 2 1  
 Japan 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 8

**PRELIMINARY ROUND**  
**Saturday, Feb. 10**  
 Sweden 2, Japan 1  
 Switzerland 5, Korea 0

**Sunday, Feb. 11**  
 United States 3, Finland 1  
 Canada 5, Russia 0

**Monday, Feb. 12**  
 Switzerland 5, Japan 2  
 Sweden vs. Korea

**Tuesday, Feb. 13**  
 United States vs. Finland  
 United States vs. Russia

**Wednesday, Feb. 14**  
 Sweden vs. Switzerland  
 Korea vs. Finland

**Thursday, Feb. 15**  
 United States vs. Finland  
 Russia vs. Finland

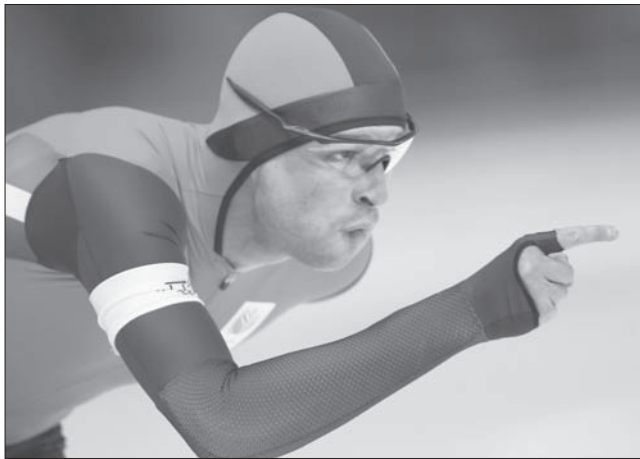
**Curling**  
**Mixed Doubles Glance**

**Country**  
 Canada 5 4 3 3 1  
 Switzerland 4 5 2 2 2  
 OA Russia 4 4 3 3 3  
 Norway 4 4 3 3 3  
 China 4 4 3 3 3  
 South Korea 4 4 3 3 3  
 Sweden 4 4 3 3 3  
 Finland 4 4 3 3 3

**Sunday, Feb. 11**  
 China 9, Norway 8  
 Finland 7, United States 5  
 Switzerland 5, OA Russia 4  
 Canada 7, South Korea 3  
 Tielkebaek vs. China 7

**Monday, Feb. 12**  
**Seminars**  
 Canada vs. Norway  
 OA Russia vs. Switzerland

**Tuesday, Feb. 13**  
 Bronze Medal  
 Gold Medal



VADIM GHIRDA/AP

Sven Kramer of The Netherlands set a new Olympic record in the men's 5,000 at the Gangneung Oval on Sunday in Gangneung, South Korea.

## Medals roundup

## Kramer earns gold, record

Associated Press

GANGNEUNG, South Korea — As always, when his rivals suddenly felt that pain in their legs, that burning in their lungs, Sven Kramer kept his mighty, unmatched stride going.

"I never saw that wall," he said.

Kramer won the 5,000 meters at the Pyeongchang Olympics on Sunday for his third straight gold medal over the distance, becoming the first man to achieve that streak.

The only thing that really burned inside the Dutch speedskater was ambition, untamed at 31. And even when the gold was surely his, Kramer still shot that skate across the line to ensure he got the Olympic record, too.

"It never gets old. The Games never get old," he said. It was his fourth career gold medal and eighth overall spread over a dozen years, putting him among the greats of the Winter Games.

Yet there's little time for celebration, with at least two more golds to chase. And one he previously let slip away in a blunder for the ages — the 10,000.

At the Vancouver Olympics, with gold beckoning, Kramer inexplicably made a wrong lane change late in a race he was comfortably leading.

"It's not a secret that it's really important to me. I've won a lot at the Olympics, but I've lost a lot as well."

**Biathlon:** The two-man race between Martin Fourcade and Johannes Thingnes Boe for Olympic gold never materialized.

They're pretty much become the Michael Phelps and Ryan Lochte of the biathlon — only they have skis and rifles instead of Speedos and swim caps.

So when neither landed on the medal podium Sunday at the Pyeongchang Games, it set shockwaves through the biathlon world.

Fourcade, a Frenchman ranked No. 1 in the world, missed three of five shots from the prone position, forcing him to do three penalty laps. He finished eighth overall.

Thingnes Boe, the world's No. 2, was even farther behind. The Norwegian missed three from the prone position and one from the standing position with his .22 caliber rifle and wound up a distant 31st, more than a minute behind the leader.

No one was more stumped than Germany's Arnd Peiffer, who took home the gold medal after hitting

all 10 of his targets.

"I don't know how this could happen," Peiffer said. "The other two guys, Martin and Johannes, they were dominating the whole season. They were dominating with their ski time; they were dominating on the range as well. So I didn't expect it was possible to be in front of them. I'm quite surprised."

On Sunday, the rest of the podium consisted of Michal Krčmar of the Czech Republic in second and Dominik Windisch of Italy in third.

**Cross-country skiing:** Simen Hegstad Krueger crashed and fell on the first lap, and even that couldn't stop him from winning Olympic gold.

The 24-year-old Norwegian completed an amazing comeback to win the men's 30-kilometer cross-country skiatlon.

After Krueger crossed the line in 1 hour, 16 minutes, 20 seconds, he looked to the heavens and repeatedly pumped his fists in the air.

Just seconds after the mass start began and with skiers still bottled up in lines, Krueger appeared to slip in mid-stride and his right ski came out from under him, causing him to fall to the ground.

The two skiers directly behind him — Andrey Larkov and Denis Spitsov, Russians competing under the Olympic flag — couldn't stop and toppled over him in a heap.

Norway swept the podium with Martin Johnsrud Sundby taking silver and Hans Christer Holund earning bronze.

**Freestyle skiing:** Perrine Laffont put France in the medals column at the Winter Olympics, skiing through the bumps and snow to take the women's moguls title.

Justine Dufour-Lapointe of Canada finished second to add silver to the gold she took four years ago in Sochi. Yulia Galysheva of Kazakhstan, competing with a broken hand suffered last month at a contest in Utah, won bronze to give her country its eighth Winter Games medal since it started competing separately after the breakup of the Soviet Union.

**Alpine skiing:** Fierce wind forced the Olympic men's downhill to be postponed, moving the marquee race from its traditional place opening the Alpine program.

The first race on an 11-event Alpine schedule was shelved three hours before the start time at the Jeongseon hill, and organizers said they would now try to hold the men's downhill on Thursday.

# WINTER OLYMPICS

## Speedskating

# Bowe's back

U.S. skater set on gold in return from concussion

By Raf Casert  
Associated Press

HEERENVEEN, Netherlands — Bump into a skating teammate on the ice, and besides some black and blue bruises, chances are it ends up being a bunch of laughs, too.

Not for Brittany Bowe.

One such clash turned her world class career upside down at the height of her powers — a personal nightmare from which she is emerging only just in time for the Olympics.

At first, the July 2016 collision in Kearns, Utah, left her dazed and with a sore head, which was diagnosed as a concussion. Still, expectations were that a few weeks would take care of it.

"A few weeks turned into a few months, turned into a year," Bowe said. And then some.

At 28, she was the double world sprint champion and had won 10 gold medals in the previous World Cup season. The way she hugged the inner curves of the oval, her sheer speed — she was simply among the very best in the world.

"Things had been going awesome," she said.

Then she was flat on the ice, barely knowing what had happened after she was blindsided into the crash. She was able to get up quickly and gingerly skate around a bit, unawares that, in a blink of a moment, she had just hit a fundamental point in her life. Nothing would be the same in far too long a time.

Super competitive, she wanted



PETER DEJONG/AP

A collision on the ice while training in June 2016 led to a concussion and complicated recovery for the United States' Brittany Bowe, pictured, an ordeal which turned into a personal nightmare, one from which she is only just emerging in time for the Winter Olympics.

to be back as quickly as possible and, somehow took a bronze in the 1,000 meters when she came to the historic home of Dutch skating in Heerenveen for the World Cup that December. It was the equivalent of a mirage — a sudden dash of hope belying disastrous circumstances.

One year later, she still couldn't get over it.

"I came out here to a World Cup and lost out on a gold medal by just a couple of tenths of a second, and then two weeks later, saying I can't skate anymore," she said.

And like so many Olympians can attest, at the height of their career, competing is the be-all end-all of their life. "If I am not skating, then what am I doing," was her existential question.

She would go back home to Ocala, Florida, to put the pieces

together again, but it didn't work out at first.

"With concussions, it is kind of an invisible injury," she said, and it could leave even teammates or friends oblivious to her real problems. It sometimes left her exasperated.

"There'd be times where people, I wouldn't see them for a while — 'you look great. You look so healthy, you look great' — and inside, I'm dying inside, because I know my head is not on my shoulders where it normally sits," Bowe said.

At that point, it was not so much returning as a sports star but more recovering as a normal human being that was her prime concern.

She had "crazy symptoms." "My equilibrium was kind of off, I would have dizzy spells, I

would have fainting episodes. And with those negative episodes came panic, came anxiety, things that I had never struggled with mentally," she said.

Fortunately for Bowe, time did its essential work — ever so slowly.

As spring beckoned, she went to the U.S. Olympic training center in Colorado Springs, ready to start all over again, from scratch. The change was daunting, from "skating at a high level on the World Cup circuit to being on a recumbent bike being able to bike for five minutes at a time."

Yet, she pulled through. Over the summer, she returned to the Salt Lake City skating center for training among her teammates, and it made all the difference. She was back on the World Cup circuit in Heerenveen in Novem-

ber, winning races in the 500 and 1,000, even if only in the second-tier B division.

And she capped her recovery at the U.S. national trials, where she qualified for the 500, 1,000 and 1,500 meters in South Korea, again the star on the Olympic women's team together with Heather Bergsma.

Suddenly, she has that tunnel vision and narrow focus again, the mark of a champion.

"Ultimately this year, the only thing that matters is the Olympic Games," she said. "I mean, we get one chance every four years to prove ourselves."

What preceded it though, may be life-changing.

"I've learned some things about myself that I am going to take with me on the ice and in the future of my life," she said.

## Surprise: With silver, Mazdzer is first US medalist in men's singles luge

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in this medal while seeking another in the team relay.

A career that seemed to be going sideways just a few weeks ago is now right back on track.

"I trained with this kid every single day," said USA Luge teammate Taylor Morris, who was 18th in his Olympic debut. "Day-in, day-out, he is an animal. And it is paying off. A silver medal, just a few hundredths out from being an Olympic champion. That's just the mental and physical resiliency that he has and it just shows that hard work does pay off and dreaming big and never setting a ceiling for yourself, it pays off."

David Gleirscher of Austria was a surprise winner, finishing his four runs at the Alpensia Sliding Center in 3 minutes, 10.702 seconds for the gold. It was Austria's first in men's luge in 50 years, and Gleirscher's first major international medal ever — he's never even had one on the World Cup circuit. Mazdzer finished in 3:10.728 and Johannes Ludwig of Germany took third in 3:10.932.

Gold-medal favorite and two-time defending champion Felix Loch of Germany was the leader going into the final run, then skidded his way to fifth.

"I feel sorry for Felix," Ludwig said, "but I feel happy for me."

Mazdzer never looked happier

after a race, either.

The only other USA Luge singles medal at an Olympics came four years ago, when Erin Hamlin won bronze at the Sochi Games. Mazdzer and Hamlin have been teammates for years, and Mazdzer has spent some offseason time over the years staying with her brother Ryan out in Utah.

The Hamlins couldn't have been more thrilled to see Mazdzer's breakout.

"He's worked his (butt) off," Ryan Hamlin said. "It's time some hardware comes his way."

It was a medal that seemed most improbable a few weeks ago, when Mazdzer — who finished the World Cup season not

even close to the medal stand and 18th overall in the final rankings — went public with his season-long struggles in a social media post.

"There comes a point where giving it everything you have and believing in yourself starts to fade away and I am almost to that point," Mazdzer wrote. "For some reasons unknown to myself, things are not working out as planned."

"There is a light somewhere in this dark cave that I feel like I am stumbling aimlessly through at times and you better damn believe I'm going to find it." So he got to work. He would tinker with his sled until 1 or 2 a.m.

some nights. He asked competitors if he could lay on their sleds and get ideas for what to do with his own. Somehow, he found his groove again.

"That was my turning point that I knew he would do this," USA Luge coach Bill Tavares said. "Chris is one of the hardest-working, focused people that I know. In this sport, it takes so much. You need to relax and just let it go and he tries so hard it actually slows him down sometimes."

That's exactly the approach Mazdzer had in Pyeongchang: He went for broke, and it worked.

"This is a blinding light," Mazdzer said, "at the end of that tunnel."

# WINTER OLYMPICS

## Snowboarding

# Backyard practice lands Olympic gold for Gerard

17-year-old wins first gold of Games for US

By EDDIE PELLIS  
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PYEONGCHANG, South Korea — The grand plan when Red Gerard and his brothers set down some rails and attached a tow rope to a dirt bike in their backyard wasn't all that grand.

"Just having fun snowboarding," Gerard explained.

Look where all that fun landed him.

The 17-year-old snowboarder from just outside of Breckenridge, Colorado, won the Olympic gold medal in slopestyle Sunday, courtesy of a nimble, creative ride through a wind-swept course that left almost everyone else scrambling to keep their footing.

Gerard captured America's first gold medal of the Pyeongchang Games — first medal of any color, in fact — and will soon go on a victory tour he never saw coming, even if the rowdy, red-white-and-blue mosh pit full of friends and family at the bottom envisioned it all along.

"I said it from Day 1," said Brendan Gerard, one of Red's five older siblings. "The kid was 2 years old when we started him snowboarding. I can recall him falling down the hill at 2 and him dragging ass behind me. Gave it two weeks, and he started moving faster. By 6, it was inevitable he



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The United States' Red Gerard jumps during the men's slopestyle final en route to a gold medal at Phoenix Snow Park at the 2018 Winter Olympics in Pyeongchang, South Korea, on Sunday.

was going to be something huge."

Thanks to a blustery wind that swirled upward from the bottom of the mountain, "huge" wasn't the word of the day on a course built more to reward technical tricks on the rails and interesting

choices below as opposed to sheer massiveness on the jumps.

That couldn't have suited Gerard much better. Listed at 5-foot-5 and 116 pounds, he does not overpower courses and slam down landings the way that, say,

silver and bronze medalists Max Parrot and Mark McMorris of Canada often do. Instead, Gerard relies on the quick reflexes he learned in the tight quarters of his backyard.

The top of the Olympic course

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**Brendan Gerard**

Older brother of 17-year-old Olympic gold medalist Red Gerard

is also tight. Unlike most of the other 10 finalists, Gerard didn't pick the straightest, easiest path through the rails. Instead, he mixed and matched with a variety of lobes and turns over rails and jibs with some cool grabs to match. He was the only contender to fly over a goal post feature in the top section.

On the second-to-last jump, Gerard took a risk by trying a 1080-degree jump off the quarterpipe side of the kicker instead of going straight through the jump and flying higher. The risk is that the landing won't create enough speed to take into the last ramp, but that worked out fine, too. Gerard closed with a backside triple-cork 1440, and his only thought while in the air was: "Just don't blow it."

A simple enough plan, and one very fitting for a kid who first stepped onto a snowboard for fun, not glory.

## Women's hockey

# US rallies to beat Finland in opener

By TERESA M. WALKER  
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GANGNEUNG, South Korea — Goaltender Noora Raty saw Hilary Knight with the puck on her stick and moved to defend against the dangerous American.

Knight passed the puck, Kendall Coyne scored the go-ahead goal at 11:29 of the second period on a one-timer and the United States rallied to beat Finland 3-1 to remain perfect when opening an Olympic tournament.

"Knighter got there out of the corner, I need to commit to her because she's the best shot in the world," Raty said. "So for once she actually passed, and hats off to Coyner. Really nice goal."

Monique Lamoureux-Morando and Dani Cameranesi also scored as the Americans improved to 6-0 all-time in Olympic openers. They also improved to 7-0 against Finland in the Olympics, though the world's third-ranked team made the defending world champions work hard in a chippy game.

Hovi Venla scored on a wrist shot from the slot with 5:8 seconds left in the first period, giving the Finns the lead and a reason to celebrate going into intermission. U.S. coach Robb Stauber said they had three players around but somehow missed Venla.

"It's great to be able to make a mistake like that and still get a win because on any given night a mistake like that can hurt you," Stauber said.

A four-time Olympian and two-time NCAA champion at Minnesota, Raty stopped all 11 shots she faced in the first, but the Americans picked up the pressure in the second.

"I think that was kind of the monkey off all of our backs to be able to put the first one in, and I think we're a team that really builds off momentum," Lamoureux-Morando said. "Once we get one, the rest usually start to fall, and we were able to get another quick one right after with Kendall's goal."



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The United States' Kendall Coyne, left, shoots a goal against goalie Noora Raty, of Finland, during the second period of Sunday's preliminary round game in Gangneung, South Korea. The U.S. won 3-1.



## SPORTS

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## Mazdzer medals

For Americans, surprise silver is as good as gold

By TIM REYNOLDS  
Associated Press

**C**hris Mazdzer threw a fist in the air, grabbed an American flag from the stands and let out a scream of absolute jubilation.

Not even a month ago, he was at rock bottom. On Sunday night, he made history for USA Luge.

For the first time, the United States has a men's singles Olympic luge medalist. Mazdzer won silver

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**Chris Mazdzer**  
U.S. men's singles  
luge silver medalist

at the Pyeongchang Games, matching the best finish ever for USA Luge in any event at the Olympics — Americans have been second in doubles twice — and giving the native of Saranac Lake, N.Y., the sort of moment he's spent half a lifetime chasing.

"It's 16 years in the making, what you dream about as a young child and 20 years later you're finally on the podium," Mazdzer said. "I still don't know how to describe it. All I know is that I have my friends and family here celebrating with me and this is validation. Everything I've done, all the sacrifices, it's worth it."

And how.

For the rest of his life, he'll be introduced as an Olympic medalist. For the rest of his career, he'll know that he can come up big at the biggest moments. For the next few days, he'll get to bask

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**Biathlon:** Women's 10km pursuit;  
Men's 12.5km pursuit  
**Alpine skiing:** Women's giant slalom  
**Freestyle skiing:** Men's moguls  
**Snowboard:** Women's slopestyle  
**Speedskating:** Women's 1,500  
**Figure skating:** Team

The United States' Chris Mazdzer

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